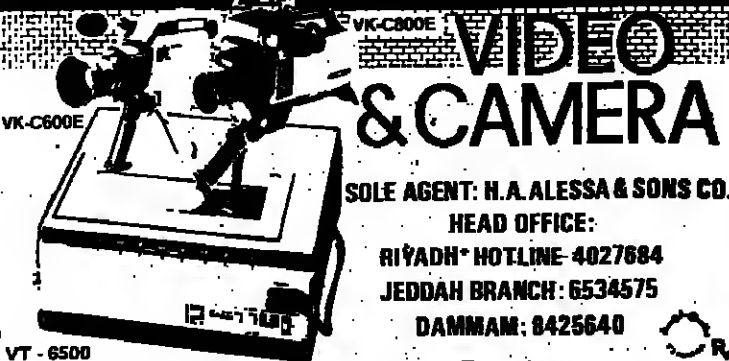


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Jordan youths enlist to fight Iran

AMMAN, Jordan, Jan. 30 (AP) — Heeding King Hussein's call for volunteers to join Iraq in the war against Iran, hundreds of young Jordanian men lined up at recruiting offices throughout Jordan on Saturday, officials said.

Many retired army officers also pledged their willingness to join the war against the regime of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, according to the sources who did not want to be named.

On Thursday, Hussein called for the formation of an all-volunteer brigade "to perform the holiest task in the Arab battle against Iran." He named the brigade "The Yarmouk Forces."

Since the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September 1980, Hussein has been the most outspoken supporter of Iraq, Jordan's eastern neighbor.

Prayer leaders here Friday called for the Jihad or holy struggle, against the enemies of the Arab nation and said Hussein's call for volunteers to fight Iran was "a declaration of holy struggle in support of the Iraqi peoples' war against Iranian aggression."

In Tehran the Iranian media Saturday practically ignored King Hussein's announcement. The English language *Tehran* announced in a sub title that Jordan had "declared war on Iran" while Radio Tehran merely referred to condemnation of the Jordanian step.

In Washington the Reagan administration made clear Friday it did not like the idea of Jordan sending volunteer troops to fight with Iraq in its war against Iran.

While not addressing Hussein's announcement directly, Alan Romberg, a deputy State Department spokesman, firmly expressed U.S. opposition to any actions that could prolong the war.

"The king's statement appears to be a call for volunteers," said Romberg. "Apparently he would not be sending regular units of the Jordanian army. Obviously we have to wait and see what develops."

"Let me be clear about the position of the U.S. government about this war in general," Romberg added. "As we have said since the outbreak of the fighting, we do not want to see the conflict widen. Our concern over any action that would tend to widen or prolong the war is well-known."

The United States is the major arms supplier to Jordan, Romberg said. Washington had not received any request from Hussein to use U.S.-supplied military equipment in Iraq.

But he also pointedly noted that the arms supply agreement with Jordan provides that defense articles of U.S. origin will not be transferred to a foreign military force without consent of the U.S. government. There has been no request for such a transfer of U.S. equipment.

"It also provides that such articles will only be used for certain purposes such as legitimate self-defense and to permit Jordan to participate in measures which are consistent with the U.N. charter," Romberg said.

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TOURING SOUTH INDIA: Spanish King Juan Carlos visits a local agricultural university poultry farm near Bangalore and is shown here inspecting a prize rooster. The bird is held by Professor B.S. Ramappa.

Seeks major changes

U.S. to rejoin talks on drafting sea law treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced Friday the United States will return to negotiations for a law of the sea treaty following a year's absence, but will insist on major changes.

The treaty would regulate exploration and mining of minerals on the ocean floor such as copper, nickel, cobalt and magnesium, even though actual mining may not begin until the next century.

The administration withdrew from the talks last March when a treaty was being drafted by about 150 nations, meeting under auspices of the United Nations. There was considerable international criticism of the U.S. action.

In announcing that the United States will return to the negotiating table, Reagan said in a statement that "some major elements ... are not acceptable," specifically those affecting the mining of deep seabed minerals.

James Malone, an assistant secretary of state and the president's special representative for the Law Of The Sea Conference, told

reporters separately the United States would insist on the following changes:

— The treaty must not deter development of deep-sea resources. There must be assured access for U.S. mining companies; there must be avoidance of any monopolization of deep-seabed mining by the international seabed authority, and there must be a "pro-development ... thrust" to the treaty.

— There must be an opportunity for "adequate participation" in the decision-making process by all treaty participants, including the United States.

Instead of the one-oath, one-vote concept outlined in the treaty draft, Malone said the United States wants "to insure that we have the kind of input in the decision-making ... commensurate with our interests and concerns."

— Treaty amendments may not be adopted over U.S. objections.

— The treaty text must be acceptable to the U.S. Senate.

The White House said separately in a fact

sheet that the administration also objects to provisions of the draft treaty it said would impose artificial limitations on seabed mineral production and could require private miners to transfer technology to the international authority and to developing countries.

Malone said he will attend the next negotiating session in New York on March 8. But he didn't sound hopeful that a treaty acceptable to the United States could be agreed on soon.

"I'm not unduly pessimistic about this," he said. "But I'm certainly not overly optimistic. I think that it's going to be a very, very difficult task."

Malone said estimates of when it might be economically feasible to begin deep seabed mining range from the early 1990s to "well into" the next century. But that eventually the ocean will be "a very important source of strategic resources to the United States."

Senator Charles Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said he was glad negotiations would be resumed.

China records marvel of human carpentry

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (R) — The thumb on Miss Chao Jianping's left hand looks a bit odd, but it works well enough. Miss Chao's "thumb" used to be her second toe. It was transplanted in 1977 when she lost her thumb in a factory accident.

Within four months of the operation the new thumb, or "finger" as such transferred digits are known, was working well, with a full sense of feeling restored.

It is also strong, as a reporter found out when she pressed it into his arm. Moreover the loss of a toe has not affected her gait.

To Chen Zhongwei, surgeon at Shanghai's Sixth People's Hospital the toe-for-thumb operation was routine, almost simple compared to some of his other feats of human carpentry.

A recent case involved a worker who lost both hands. Using two of the man's toes and flaps of skin from his big toes wrapped around pieces of bone, Dr. Chen was able to fashion what he calls "lobster claws" in place of the severed hands.

The result may not be very pretty, but it works.

And it works better than artificial limbs, which have no sense of feeling, and is cheaper, a major consideration in a country with limited resources.

Dr. Chen, aged 52, won world attention in 1963 when he succeeded in rejoining the severed right hand of a worker who was able to resume his original job after a year.

The achievement was not quite the first of its kind. American surgeon Ronald Malt rejoined the arm of a 14-year-old boy in Boston in 1962.

But Dr. Chen and other surgeons at the Sixth People's Hospital are recognized as among the world's best at this kind of operation, with success rates second to none.

Out of 280 cases where limbs were severed, the survival rate of the replanted limbs was 86 percent, Dr. Chen said in an interview.

Initially the hospital was less successful in replanting severed fingers, which involves rejoining minute blood vessels and nerve ends.

With no micro-surgical facilities such as a radio microscope, "we were using a magnifying glass or even our naked eyes," Dr. Chen recalled.

But since 1979—with the help of a radio microscope, the survival rate of the replanted digits has risen to 92 percent.

Dr. Chen calculates that he and his colleagues have stitched back about 450 fingers

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Focus on smooth flow

GCC talks on oil policy begin today

By Wahib Ghorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 30 — A common oil production policy and four major issues which affect all members will be discussed Sunday by oil ministers from the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

According to informed sources, the GCC ministers will study a common production policy to be followed by member states, all of whom produce and export oil. They will also draw up a plan for the prices of Gulf oil and come out with a unified stand regarding them.

Their agenda also includes a comprehensive search for energy alternatives, the diversification of resources and incomes and the creation of certain industries which can be depended on to provide adequate revenues.

At the same time they will ensure a steady flow of oil to world markets to prevent any

shocks to the international economy which might adversely affect them in turn.

With this in mind they will produce joint plans of action in the event the flow of oil is stopped or delayed.

The future of petrochemical industries in the region will be studied in depth in the light of the Saudi Arabian experience in this field. The ministers are expected to call for further expansion of such industries in their countries.

The meeting is the first energy policy talks held under the auspices of the GCC. Defense and finance ministers of the council met here last week. The six states earn nearly \$400 million a day, virtually all their income. Their heads of state who met in Abu Dhabi last May instructed the oil ministers to coordinate oil pricing production.

According to Abdullah Bisharah, secretary-general, the conference will ensure (Continued on back page)

Doctor jailed for selling beds

ROME, Jan. 30 (ONS) — An unsavory Italian scandal came to an end recently when Professor Guido Moricca was sentenced to nine years in prison and a 2 million-lire (\$1,600) fine for selling places in hospital.

Professor Moricca was director of a pain therapy ward in Rome's Regina Elena hospital. In exchange for large sums of money, paid in cash by their relatives, Moricca would guarantee a place in his ward to terminally-ill cancer patients. He built up a lucrative trade in his *letti d'oro* — beds of gold — as the Italian press dubbed them.

The scandal first emerged last November when the relatives of a cancer victim, Mario di Carlo, complained to the mayor of their home town, Nepi. Once the lie had been broken other victims came forward to complain.

As well as his post in the state-run hospital, Moricca also worked in a private clinic called Valle Giulia. He would usually see patients in the private clinic and refer them to the hospital where they would be given beds in his ward.

The court acquitted the director of Regina Elena, Antonio Caputo, of negligence in failing to detect and prevent Moricca's traffic in beds.

Poverty and an unhappy family life were believed to have been the reason for the gruesome killings, the newspaper said.

ward on payment of an established sum. The sum would vary according to Moricca's estimation of his client's wealth. It was paid in cash, in an envelope, to Moricca's assistant Franco Saullo.

Also on trial with Moricca and Saullo were a Catholic nun, Sister Agnesita, and a nurse, Micheline Morelli, who jointly ran the pain therapy ward under Moricca and co-operated in his scheme. The minor figures in the case were given suspended sentences and temporarily banned from working in the state health system.

Moricca was not present in court to hear the sentence as he is himself in the hospital, a ruined and broken man. Some of his colleagues considered the sentence unduly harsh and an attempt to make an example of him while letting others involved in the conspiracy of silence escape unpunished.

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Father kills two children; ends life

DACCA, Jan. 30 (AFP) — A frustrated village trader killed two of his children and wounded another before cutting his own throat, it was reported Saturday. The newspaper *Ittefaq* said that the 36-year-old man, Sam Rendu Podder, of Kolakopa village, died in hospital but that his three-year-old son, Prakash Chandra, was still fighting for his life.

The report said that Podder bolted his

room from the inside on Wednesday, beheaded his eight-year-old daughter Purnimali and seven-year-old son Bibekananda and then wounded his youngest child with a sharp weapon. He used the same weapon to slit his own throat. His wife was not home at that time.

Poverty and an unhappy family life were believed to have been the reason for the gruesome killings, the newspaper said.

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'U.N. will not help'

Sultan calls for unity to regain rights

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan has reiterated his call for Arab unity and solidarity to be able to restore their usurped rights. He emphasized that "we must not expect the Security Council or the United Nations to bring about a solution of our case with Israel as it is an improbable theory."

In an interview published in *Al-Bilad* Saturday, Prince Sultan said the actual view ought to be based on solidarity, through which "we can regain the usurped land, no matter whether it is by peace or by war."

On the Arab summit, the minister said it will be successful and achieve welfare and development for the people. The extensive consultations and contacts among the Arab leaders provide a clear evidence that a desire does exist to realize solidarity for which every Arab aspires.

Prince Sultan referred to the Gulf Cooperation Council and said that the GCC meetings, which are held from time to time, are to

determine the dimensions of the Arabian Gulf strategy on its security and exploring the best means of developing this strategy. It aims to provide suitable bases for tackling of any attempts tending to hamper its progress and endanger the security of the Arab people. He said that the GCC states have progressed on the road to welfare and prosperity.

The defense minister said that all these meetings, being held at the defense, economic, internal and oil levels, will help in the achievement of security and stability of the region.

He stressed that the ideal way to encounter challenges is to get united and to adhere to the Islamic law (Sharia) which provides the most idealistic means to preserve the nation and the stability of the Gulf. He reminded that the people of the Gulf are one and will remain so, no matter how much any power tried to work against our security and stability. The stability of the Gulf region, being primarily the responsibility of the six GCC

member states, leads them to mobilize all their energies toward a collective action for the sake of preserving the sovereignty and safety of the member states, the prince said.

The minister reaffirmed that the peoples of the Gulf, with all their understanding and planning, are capable of making security and stability their slogan. He expressed the hope that "all our future steps will be taken on a gigantic scale", in order to bring welfare and prosperity for the peoples of the Gulf, making it a zone of security and stability for the Gulf peoples.

Italian mission here to promote printing exhibit

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 29 — A two-member Italian trade mission is here to promote the first "Print Italy" exhibition to be held as part of the Milan Trade Fair from April 14 to 17. It will also visit Riyadh in this connection.

Elio Enrico Veraldi, head of the delegation and of the Association of Italian Industrial Graphic, told *Arab News* Saturday that the association has 132 firms on its roll which deal only in printing materials like hygienic and sanitary articles, folding boxes, envelopes, security papers, corrugated board (sheets and cases), labels, flexible packages, bindings, business forms, large bags, and board and spiral tubes.

Samir Salamah of the Italian Trade Commission said that individual Italian companies have been exporting these goods to the Kingdom, but all the firms are brought together in order to boost exports. The association also is planning to invite 20 top businessmen specialized in this trade along with three newsmen for the exhibition. "We may even sponsor them," Salamah said.

Besides, Alitalia also is organizing a package tour for businessmen. He said these steps are part of a bigger drive to capture a part of the Saudi Arabian market.

The mission is to visit Kuwait and Iraq. Another delegation from the association will visit Algeria and Egypt.

Even Germany, France and Britain depend on Italian market for its printing materials. The Italian printing industry has more than 13,000 companies and its turnover is \$7.2 billion, according to Veraldi.

Efforts are being made to make "Print Italy" a great success. Trade delegations from Middle East and North African countries have been invited for the fair. Over 320,000 potential visitors have been contacted. A guide to the printing industry will be published in four languages during the fair and 30,000 copies of general inventory of the firms will be distributed all-over the world.

Officials to hold talks on policy of medical college

RIYADH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Gulf deputy health ministers will attend a medical education seminar to be organized by the Riyadh-based Arab Gulf Educational Bureau in Manama Feb. 12 to 15.

The seminar, organized in cooperation with the Bahraini Health Ministry, will discuss the educational policy of the proposed Gulf University of medicine and medical sciences school. It will deal with modern methods in medical education and academic and training programs which can be applied at the school.

A \$44.5 million contract was awarded recently to a French firm to implement the first phase of the medical school. The project, scheduled for completion by February, 1984, includes some 123 laboratories, a medical library and facilities for autopsy, surgery and pediatrics.

The participants in the seminar will evaluate a proposed academic policy and a plan to select the teaching corps. Requirements of conventional medical schools will be compared against those of comprehensive colleges. The seminar also will tackle organizing the fields of cooperation between health ministries of the Gulf states.

The seven states which support the Arabian Gulf University — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Iraq — have already selected 50 pre-medical students to enroll at the new college in September, 1982. A contract for the university's master plan was won by the U.K. firm Sheppard Robson Overseas. Scheduled for completion by September or October, 1985, the overall cost of the complex is estimated to be about \$400 million.

In addition to deputy ministers, the seminar will be attended by the Health Secretariat General of Gulf States, the Secretariat General of Islamic Medicine of Kuwait, the medical school's advisory committee, some professors and representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO).

New mandatory standards issued

RIYADH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization has announced new mandatory standards for government and non-government organizations.

The standard specifications, announced Friday, cover knives, step balances, methods for load verification of tensile testing machines, liquefied carbon-dioxide for industrial purposes and methods of testing it, seamless steel cylinders for compressed gases and their test methods, absorbent cotton ribbon gauze and their test methods, enriched and enrichment treated wheat flour and its test methods, hygienic regulations for food plants and employees, canned mudamas beans and their method of testing.

Brazilians call on Saud

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Deputy Makah Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen received Saturday the Brazilian parliamentary delegation visiting the Kingdom currently.

During the meeting, attended by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Brazil Sheikh Abdullah Habani, cordial talks were exchanged on bilateral relations.

For animal husbandry

Minister okays six projects

RIYADH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, commerce minister and acting minister of agriculture and water, Saturday approved six animal husbandry projects worth more than SR34.75 million.

One of the projects is to be implemented in Kharij with an annual productive capacity of 1,750 head of cattle at a cost of more than SR11.81 million.

The second and third projects will be set up in Qasim, to produce 1,500 and 29,000 head of cattle annually at a cost of SR7.21 million and SR5.38 million, respectively.

Another similar project is to be set up in Quwayyah in which the annual productive capacity is estimated at 1,000 head of cattle costing SR3.65 million. A SR3.48-million project in the Northern Region is expected to have an annual yield of 18,000 head of cattle, while the sixth project will be implemented in Jizan, with an annual productive capacity of

440 head of cattle at a cost of SR3.2 million.

The Ministry of Planning has targeted an annual growth rate of five percent for agriculture in the Third Plan period, and the plan provides for a total expenditure of SR61.8 billion, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1980 annual report. The budget for fiscal year 1400/01 made an appropriation of SR12.2 billion for the agricultural sector, one fifth of the third plan expenditure.

According to SAMA, although Saudi Arabia's arid climate and scarcity of water present daunting obstacles to the development of agriculture and animal resources. The government is determined to develop the country's agricultural and water resources with a view to diversifying domestic food supplies, to reduce the country's dependence on imported food, and to meet the fast-growing demand for water.

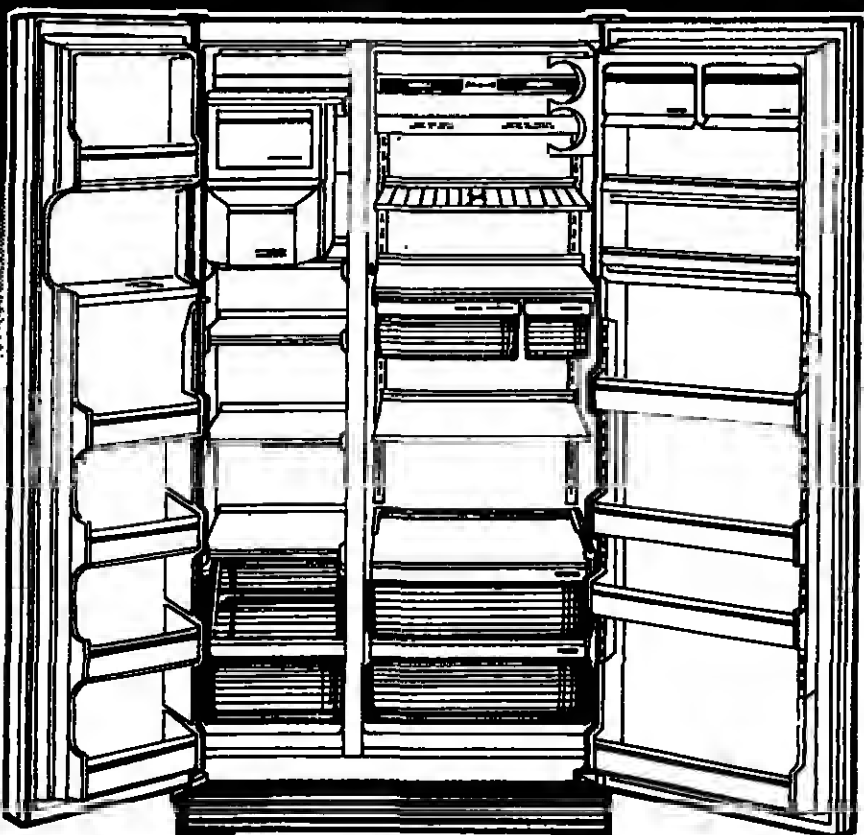


NEW STREET: Ruins of the Al-Mukhtar supermarket at Khaled Ibn Walid Street, seen above, make way for a new street to connect the Prince Fahd Street with the sea. Scores of houses and shops have been bulldozed for the purpose. Their owners received full compensation assessed at current market rates.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:34	12:35	12:06	11:53	12:18	12:47
Asr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:44	3:15	3:00	3:24	3:51
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:11	6:07	5:38	5:22	5:47	6:13
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Sultan-Henru discussions to center on cooperation

By Wahib Chorab

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 30 — French Defense Minister Charles Henru arrived here, Saturday on an official visit at the invitation of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation.

He said that his visit aims at boosting cooperation with Saudi Arabia which France considers a power not only in this area but in the world as a whole.

On the other hand, Prince Sultan said the Kingdom is developing its navy and that all plans are going well. He added that the accord signed by the two countries under the name "SAWARI" (masts), is progressing according to program and there are no obstacles.

Regarding the Kingdom's inclination to buy arms from France, Prince Sultan said this matter will be judged on the principle of diversification of arms sources, which characterizes Saudi Arabia's policy especially as regards the friendly industrialized nations.

Prince Sultan said the Kingdom had agreed with the United States, and still agrees, to build the navy and naval bases. Later, this accord was developed with France and an agreement was signed with it for the supply of a set of naval equipment necessary for the Kingdom's coasts, he said. The prince added that France is considered a friendly country and described dealings with it as "excellent".

Last year, the two countries signed a \$3.5 billion contract for the sale of warships, supply ships, coastal defense equipment and helicopters for naval warfare. The contract was signed during the visit of former Minister Robert Galley who said then that military cooperation between the two countries was built on a strong basis of friendly relations.

Prince Sultan has said then that "as friends we are used to visit between, the officials of the ministries of defense.

Municipal guards to watch property

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 — A new security department comprising 200 officers has been formed by the municipality here to streamline its operations, according to Wahib Attar, supervisor of security and head of the central office of cleaning.

Attar said the department will be able to do the job of the policemen who used to help the

King cables mosque council

MAKKAH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — King Khalid said Saturday he hoped that Almighty God will enable the World Higher Council for Mosques to serve His religion and work for the interest of Islam and Muslims.

In a reply telegram to the council, the monarch expressed his confidence that it will work to please God and to preserve the mosques. In a similar message, Crown Prince Faisal expressed the hope that "God will enable us to serve Islam and Muslims and to render every assistance to preserve the mosques."

Meanwhile, the council held its third session Saturday under its chairman Sheikh

Abdul Aziz bin Baz, to discuss developments in the issue of Afghanistan. It denounced the Soviet occupation and stressed the need for helping the Afghan refugees. It also appealed to the Islamic world to give them as much assistance as possible, in view of the difficult situation in which they are living.

The council further condemned the Soviet supplies to Ethiopia, which are being used to commit aggression on Somalia. It held a discussion on the repeated Zionist assaults on the Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, and debated the missionary activities among the Islamic minorities and other peoples.

275,000 lines installed

Phone company sets record

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 — Telephone lines installed in the Western Region exceeded 275,000 by the end of December, 1981, according to a Saudi Telephone statement Saturday. In December alone, more than 4,500 lines were installed, the report added.

Saudi Telephone reported that approximately 50 percent of all service requests were installed within 24 hours after receiving a service order. Ninety-eight percent of all orders are now being installed within 14 days, the statement added. Also, in December Western Region telephones were virtually trouble-free since more than 99.7 percent of all lines did not encounter faults on a daily basis.

"When troubles do occur, the reports are analyzed quickly and if required, technicians are dispatched promptly to repair the problem," said Rabi Dahlan, Western Region general manager. During December Saudi Telephone's repair forces were able to clear more than 88 percent of all troubles within

King Shah visits plant

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Malaysia's Ahmad Shah visited the desalination plant here Saturday as part of his week-long visit to the country. He was accompanied by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, minister-in-waiting.

King Shah had earlier gone to Makkah for prayers and the farewell tawaf. He also visited Taif and the Eastern Region.

eight working hours and virtually all problems were repaired within seven days, the report added.

The Western Region also has maintained excellent billing results for its customers during the last quarter, the report said. Virtually all bills are prepared for customers free of error and delivered promptly, the report said. Delivery is made either via the post office, or customers are called personally and advised their invoice is ready to be picked up for payment at the billing office. The majority of all bills are delivered within five days of being prepared, the report added.

According to Saudi Telephone, the Western Region has more than 6,100 employees working to develop the telephone system, and more than 60 percent are Saudi nationals. Eighty-seven of the management personnel are Saudi Arabians and a large number of new graduates are joining the Western Region's branch every month.

Bahrain to host India '82 fair

By Suresh Shah

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 — The Trade Fair Authority of India is organizing "India 82", the first exposition of Indian industry and technical know-how in Bahrain from Feb. 10 to 19, said P.R. Chakravarty of the Indian Embassy here.

He told Arab News that the exhibition would provide an opportunity to meet and talk with more than 60 leading industrialists and businessmen in various fields, who will offer their services for promotion of trade in Gulf countries.

The participants will offer goods and services related to agricultural machinery and appliances, light engineering equipment, electrical equipment, machinery and other engineering goods.

The display will be held at Exhibition Hall, Manama.

Girls' college awards SR90m contract

DAMMAM, Jan. 30 (SPA) — Dammam's Girls' College administration recently awarded an SR90 million contract to construct temporary buildings for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences. The contract, awarded to a national company, calls for completion of work within 19 months.

According to Dr. Muhammad Ali Al-Harfi, director general of girls' colleges in Dammam, the project incorporates several laboratories, closed television circuits, a lectures hall and several gardens. Another SR4 million contract to a national firm has been awarded for fencing the girls' college premises in Dammam, Harfi said.

In a separate educational development, Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid held a meeting in Jeddah with directors of intermediate and secondary schools in the region. They discussed the student guidance program, its implementation and priorities to be taken into consideration for each stage to complement the potentials of the students.

Zaid said the program will be applied by the beginning of the second semester for the Western Region's schools. It aims at acquainting the students with the vocational and academic opportunities open to them and students' relations with their homes, schools and the society.

In other news, Dammam's Science and Mathematics Center and the Intermediate College began examinations Saturday for the first semester of the current academic year. The examinations will last until Feb. 10, according to Muhammad Al-Mansour, dean of the center and intermediate college.

Mansour said 16 students have been granted admission to the center and 75 students were enrolled at the intermediate college. The newcomers are teachers practicing in the Dammam and Abha educational directorates and they will begin studies in the second semester, he said.

He added that after the completion of the examinations, 44 students from the center and 90 students from the college will graduate.

Meanwhile, Riyadh's Vocational Training Center announced that 250 trainees were granted admission to its evening specialized courses. About 400 trainees have enrolled in the evening courses which began earlier this week including departments of car mechan-

ics, electricity, welding, carpentry, plumbing, metallurgy, car body repairs and cooling.

The evening classes include two sessions annually, each lasting five months. Admission conditions include Saudi Arabian nationality, age limit of 17 to 20 and proper medical and physical fitness. Trainees get an incentive payment of SR400 monthly in addition to free accommodation, transport and clothing. Upon graduation, every trainee is given

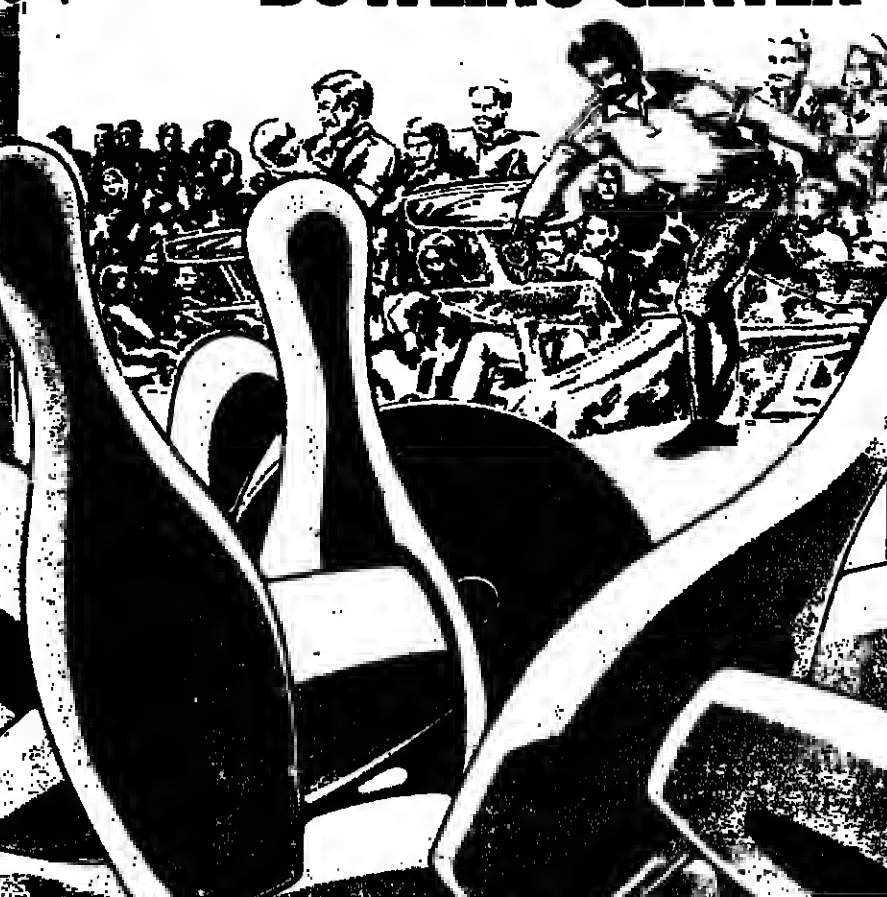
SR2,000 and they are entitled to a loan of SR100,000 if they wish to open their own workshops.

At Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's lectures hall Sunday, a doctorate degree thesis will be presented by Abdul ibn Musalaa Al-Shaker. A student of the Higher Jurisdiction Institute of IMISIU, Shaker will present his thesis on the restrictions of private ownership in Sharia.

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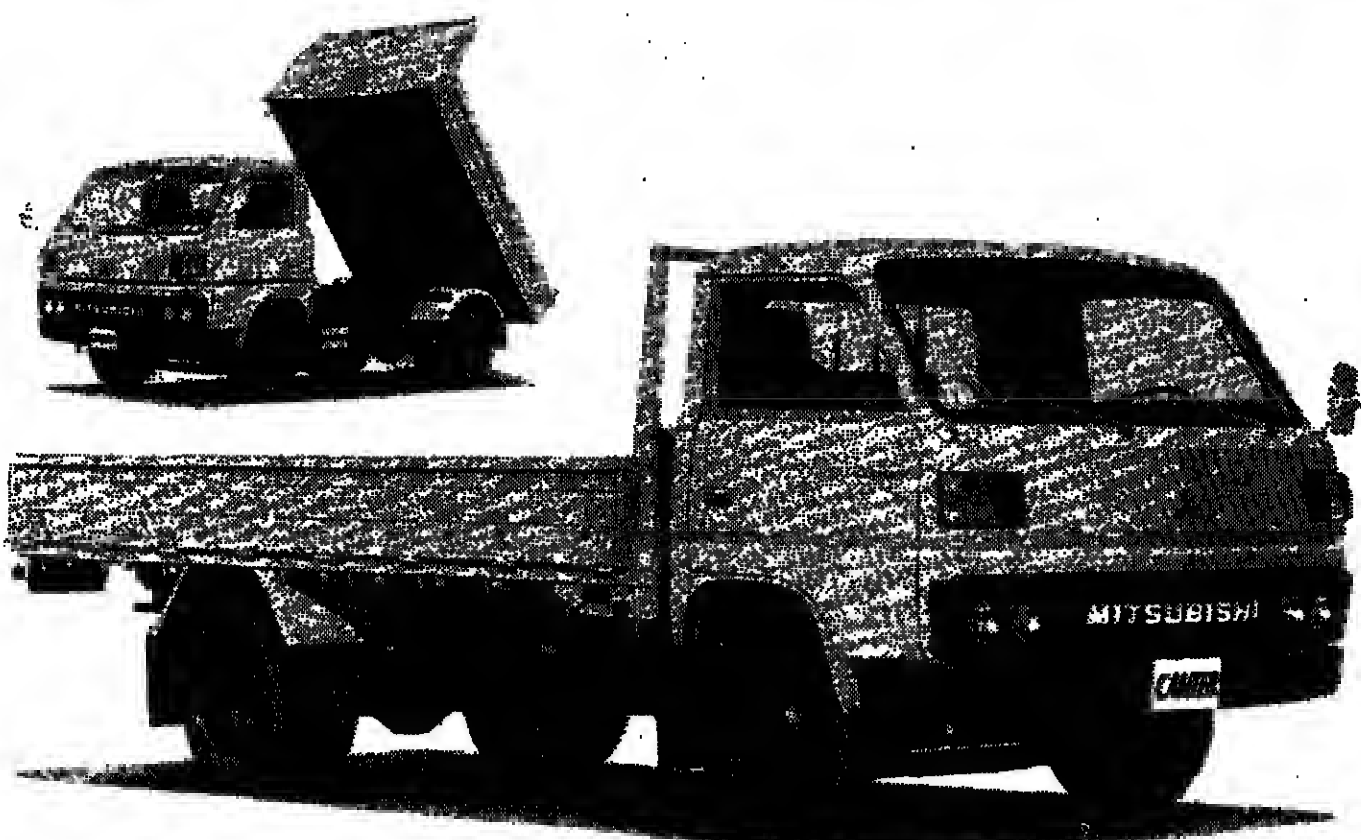
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All contractors are kindly requested to check the schedule posted in the Contracting Department in Dhahran to determine when they have been scheduled to attend one of the briefings to be given concerning CIS. At each briefing the new system will be explained and contractors will be advised on how to update information related to their organization.

The first briefing will be held on Feb 8, 1982. In order to limit the number of attendees at any one session, contractors are requested to attend on the date scheduled.

Aramco wishes to emphasize the importance of the briefings and strongly urges all Aramco contractors to attend one session.

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Arab meeting on Golan postponed

TUNIS, Jan. 30 (AFP) — A special meeting of Arab foreign ministers, set for Feb. 7 in Tunis to discuss Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, has been rescheduled to Feb. 12, sources close to the Arab League reported Saturday.

The postponement was the third since the Israeli parliament voted on Dec. 14 to extend Israeli law to the territory it occupied from Syria in the 1967 war.

The latest postponement was requested by the Syrian government, and approved by Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi. The reason cited was the current meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Golan Heights annexation.

The Arab foreign ministers' conference was initially scheduled for Dec. 27. It was first postponed to allow the U.N. Security Council to debate possible sanctions against Israel. On Jan. 20, the United States vetoed a Jordanian resolution calling for such sanctions.

Several U.N. members then requested a General Assembly vote, and the Arab ministers meeting, set for Jan. 24, was postponed again, this time to Feb. 7.

The Security Council, in a resolution passed unanimously on Dec. 18, agreed that the Israeli annexation was "null and void."

Iran executes two militants

TEHRAN, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Two militants of the anti-clerical Islamic Forghan movement were executed Friday in the eastern Azerbaijan city of Tabriz of having taken part in political assassinations, the daily *Islamic Republic* reported Saturday.

The paper said the two men, who were hanged publicly during noon-time Friday prayers, had made full confessions, including their participation in the murder two years ago of Ayatollah Ghazi Tabatabai, Ayatollah Khomeini's personal representative in Tabriz.

They were also responsible for the abortive attempt against the Hojatoleslam Khamenei in June, 1981, they said, and the daily *Ettelaat* added that one of them, Massud Taghizadeh, aged 27, "admitted frankly" that his aim was "to liberate the country from the regime of the Mullahs."



GULF WAR: A latest photo of the Iraq-Iranian war received from Tehran shows smoke and dust rising from a house hit by Iraqi aircraft on the outskirts of Abadan recently.

Turkey may get U.S. F-18s

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The United States plans to sell either F-16 or F-18 combat planes to Turkey, according to Pentagon sources.

The sources, who wished to remain anonymous, said the Defense Department is conducting a study to decide which plane would be better suited to Ankara's needs and financial means. The number of craft involved was not specified.

When Defense Secretary Caspar Wein-

berger visited Ankara last month, Turkish leaders asked for American aid in modernizing Turkey's armed forces, particularly the air force.

Some reports put the number of aircraft involved in the planned sale at 300, for a price estimated at almost \$8 billion.

The Pentagon sources pointed out that the price exceeded Turkey's present financial means. The country is having serious economic problems and has heavy foreign debts.

Ulus says

Europe resolution 'hostile' to Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 30 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulend Ulus Saturday criticized as "hostile" a Council of Europe resolution condemning alleged human rights violations here.

Addressing a consultative assembly budget session, Ulus said the resolution reflected "a hostile stance against Turkey" and contained unfair accusations.

Turkish Head of State Gen. Kenan Evren was expected to disclose in a nationally televised speech Sunday whether Turkey will withdraw from the 21-nation council.

The council's parliamentary assembly adopted the tough resolution, Ulus said that the Military National Security Council is studying it.

Turkey's generals toppled the civilian gov-

ernment in September, 1980, saying they acted to prevent a possible civil war and economic collapse. Nearly 40,000 people have been jailed since then, most accused of being the right and left-wing terrorists who were engaging in murderous feuds.

The government has been accused of violating the human rights of some of those detainees. The Danish government was reported planning to lodge a complaint to the European Human Rights Commission against Turkey.

Ulus, in his speech referring to Turco-Greek disputes over the Aegean said Turkey had always been ready to solve the confrontation through bilateral talks but the government of Premier Andreas Papandreu "purposefully" blocked the route.

"Turkey would never tolerate any fait accompli that could be created by Greece in the Aegean Sea," said Ulus.

Three mines found in Jordan Valley

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30 (AP) — An Israeli army patrol in the Jordan Valley Friday uncovered three mines planted by Palestinian commandos who infiltrated from Jordan, an Israeli military spokesman said.

The military said the anti-vehicle mines were found along the border security route south of the Jewish farming settlement of Mekhora, 11 kms west of the Jordan River, which separates Israeli-occupied land from Jordanian territory. No one was injured by the American-made V-19 mines, the military said.

It was the first incident of infiltration across the Jordan River since August when nine Israeli soldiers driving in two army patrol vehicles were injured after they drove onto land mines planted by commandos.

Israel is particularly concerned at any indication of attacks from across Jordan.

N. Yemen leader to visit Gulf

ABU DHABI, Jan. 30 (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh will begin a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Feb. 17, the official Emirates News Agency reported Saturday.

It said he would discuss bilateral relations and Middle East developments with UAE president, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nabayan.

Saleh will also visit Iraq, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain next month, according to Gulf press reports. The UAE and other Gulf states have given substantial aid to North Yemen.

Syria denies execution of former defense aide

KUWAIT, Jan. 30 (AP) — Syria's former deputy defense minister, Gen. Naji Jamil, was executed in Damascus a few days ago as part of a massive army purge following an attempted coup against President Hafez Assad's regime, Kuwait's independent newspaper *Al-Qabas* reported Saturday. Syria strongly denied the report.

"The report is ridiculous and deserves no comment. It reflects the dreams of Syria's enemies," a spokesman who declined to be named said in Damascus. He added that claims of a coup attempt were "unfounded."

Al-Qabas attributed the report of Jamil's

execution to unnamed Jordanian official sources. Jordan and Syria have been locked in a war of words over Syria's charges that Jordan has helped opponents of the Assad regime in a two-year campaign of bombings and assassinations that has claimed several lives.

Al-Qabas quoted the Jordanian sources as saying 150 Syrian army officers, including 10 brigadiers, were arrested in connection with the alleged coup attempt and mutiny by the army's third division in Syria's southern city of Deraa near the Jordanian border.

'Orly' group halts anti-France acts

BEIRUT, Jan. 30 (AP) — An Armenian guerrilla group calling itself the "Orly Organization" announced on Saturday it had suspended terrorist operations against France because French authorities promised a fair trial and political rights to four group members held in a Paris prison.

A statement issued by the group in Beirut claimed France had pledged to treat the four as political prisoners, to give them a fair trial during which they will have the chance to explain the Armenian cause and to grant them political asylum.

The statement was telephoned to the Associated Press office by an "Orly Organization" spokesman.

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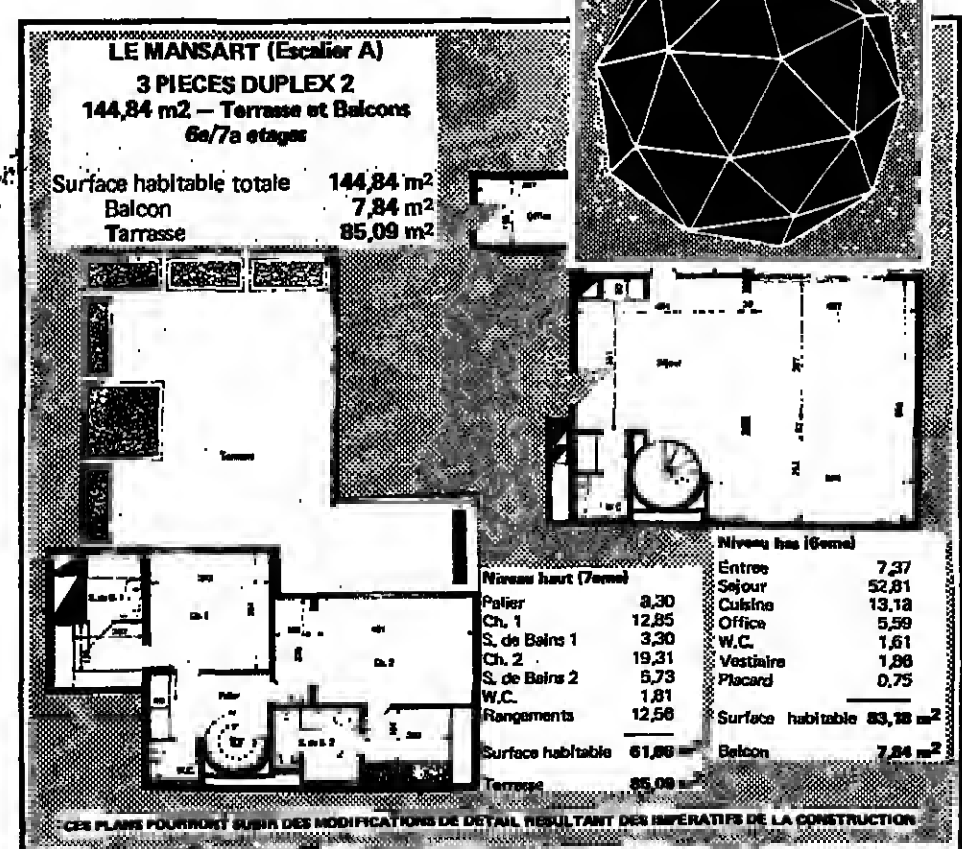
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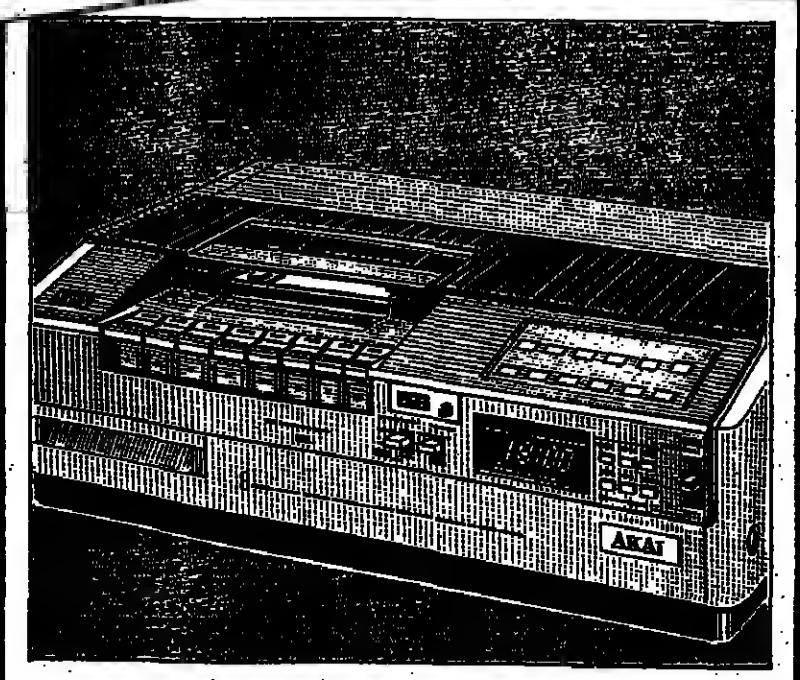
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Mubarak renews call for Palestine autonomy

ROME, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak Saturday renewed Egypt's demand for Palestinian self-rule as he began his first foreign tour since assuming power last October. "We are struggling to arrive at a declaration of principles which would give the (Israeli-occupied) West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip total autonomy," Mubarak said.

"This would be a first step to involve the Palestine people in efforts toward a peace settlement which would allow it to exercise its natural right to self-determination."

Mubarak, who arrived in Rome Saturday for a two-day visit, was speaking at an official banquet given in his honor by his host, Italian President Sandro Pertini. Italy is the initial stop on Mubarak's five-nation tour, his first trip abroad since he succeeded assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in October.

The Palestine issue will be one of the main topics he will discuss with President Reagan in Washington next week. Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, accompanying the president, said Friday that it was the crux of the Middle East problem.

Mubarak praised Italy for the support it has given to Egypt's peace policy and its proposals for Israel and the Palestinians to recognize each other. He said that Italy had been in the forefront of nations helping in the search for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East problem.

"Italy had a fundamental role in the formulation of the (European Common Market) Venice Declaration which safeguarded the delicate equilibrium among the legitimate interests on all parties."

"It also accepted participation in the formation of the multinational force as a contribution to consolidating the fundamentals of peace," he said.

Italy is among countries offering to send a contingent to an international peace keeping force in the Sinai after the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the area.

Mubarak said Egypt was firmly committed

to fight for peace and against oppression and exploitation wherever it occurred.

President Pertini said Italy was proud to have been the first country on Mubarak's tour, which also takes him to Paris, Washington, London and Bonn.

"Today you begin in Italy your first mission abroad. This is a fact which we honor, and consider as a renewal of the excellent and solid ties of friendship and collaboration between Italy and Egypt," the 84-year-old head of state said.

The two countries have held regular political consultations at head of state and foreign ministerial level during the past seven years, with Italy frequently interpreting foreign policy to its partners in the European Economic Community.

Later Saturday Mubarak met with Pope Paul II in a private audience. Vatican officials said. The Vatican released no details.

Italian Foreign Ministry sources said that Italy was impressed how quickly Mubarak, a former Soviet-trained air force pilot, had succeeded in controlling the tension in Egypt after Sadat's assassination.

Italy is one of Egypt's most important trading partners and the expansion of trade links is another subject on the agenda of Mubarak's talks in Rome.

At the same time Minister Hassan Ali held talks on the Middle East situation with Italy's Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo.

In recent speeches Mubarak has said that his talks in Italy, France, Britain, the United States and West Germany will focus on ways to break the deadlock in the Middle East peace talks, as well as on obtaining economic and military assistance for Egypt.

Mubarak has emphasized the economy in his domestic policy. He has called a conference on financial experts from the government, universities and business next month to help map out Egypt's economic future.

Mubarak has reaffirmed his commitment to Sadat's "open door" policy on foreign investment begun after the 1973 Middle East war.



President Numeiri

Numeiri lashes out at Libya, Iraq

KHARTOUM, Jan. 30 (AP) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri on Saturday accused Libya and Iraq of threatening his country's national unity and territorial integrity, the official Sudan News Agency reported.

Numeiri has made similar accusations before. But his remarks Saturday come in the wake of recent price riots which he has said were planned in unnamed foreign countries.

The president's statement came in an address to a closed session with a newly established popular committee set up to help him reconstruct the country's sole political party the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the agency report said.

"What does (Libyan leader Col. Muammar) Qaddafi want from Sudan? Why does he recruit mercenaries? Why does he spend on agents? Why does he instigate and sabotage inside Sudan?" Numeiri said. He also accused the Iraqi ruling political party, the Baathists, of trying to "propagate Baathist ideology."

Sudan a supporter of Egypt's peace efforts with Israel, has had strained relations with Libya and Iraq for a long time.

In military clashes last fall, Numeiri has also accused the Libyans of trying to exploit discontent over commodity shortages in the western provinces of Sudan.

Because of a \$600 million budget deficit, and a four billion dollar balance of payment problem, Numeiri, at the suggestions of the International Monetary Fund, recently devalued the Sudanese pound leading to subsequent sharp hikes in gasoline and sugar prices.

This triggered riots recently and Numeiri accused the political party's leadership of failing in their duty to counter the troubles. He fired the secretary general of the party, his first vice president, and dismissed the party's central committee, a 300-member body.

As rival militias agree on ceasefire

Car bomb kills 3 Palestinians in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — Police said Saturday a car bomb exploded near the power plant of Lebanon's southern port city of Sidon overnight, killing all three Palestinian occupants.

A police spokesman, who declined to be named in conformity with government rules, said the blast caused no damage to the power station.

The spokesman said police were unable to determine whether the explosion involved an attempt to blow up the station. But he said the car, which was demolished, was a German

made Volkswagen.

The spokesman said there was no apparent link between the blast in Sidon, provincial capital of southern Lebanon, 40 kms south of Beirut, and armed clashes that claimed 27 lives between militiamen of the Shiite Amal organization and Communist and pro-Iraqi gunmen in U.N. policed areas in southern Lebanon over the last five years.

The Palestine Liberation Organization dispatched reinforced armored patrols from Sidon to help consolidate a third ceasefire signed Saturday between the combatants

from Amal and the Iraqi-backed Lebanese Baath Party in league with the Organization for Communist Action in Lebanon (OCAL).

Meanwhile, United Nations peacekeeping troops in southern Lebanon exchanged heavy fire with unknown gunmen during the night but suffered no casualties, a U.N. spokesman said Saturday.

The shooting took place in the sector of Lebanese territory patrolled by the U.N. Fijin battalion south of the port city of Tyre and the U.N. is now investigating the incident, he added.

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UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) — Most of the estimated 515,000 refugees in Sudan come from Ethiopia, but Ugandans are still seeking safety in south Sudan, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) reported here quoting official Sudanese sources. A UNHCR statement put the number of Ugandan refugees in Sudan at 90,000. Other refugee communities in that country were from Chad (10,000) and Zaïre (5,000).

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. Army announced Friday that a 356-member logistical unit will serve with an international peacekeeping force in the Sinai desert after Israel returns that area to Egypt next April.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — An earthquake Saturday shook the Kerman district in South-eastern Iran — scene of recent major quakes — without causing either casualties or damage, radio Tehran reported. The epicentre Saturday was the town of Shahdad, the radio said. The shock measured 4.2 on the Richter scale.

HAVANA, (R) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has had talks on the Iran-Iraq war with Tareq Aziz, deputy prime minister and member of the Revolutionary Command Council of Iraq, the official newspaper Granma said. The two men discussed initiatives taken by the ministerial commission of the nonaligned Movement "to contribute to finding a political, peaceful, just and honorable solution" to the war, the paper said.

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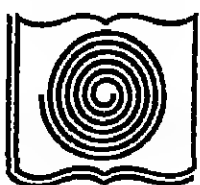
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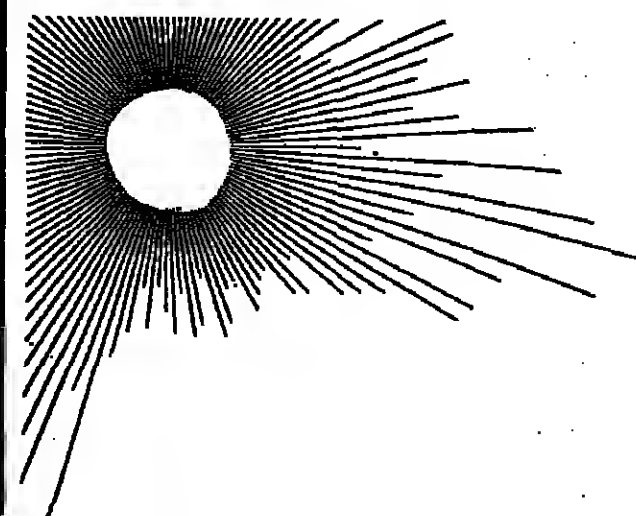
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Freedom fighters hold Soviet and Afghan troops at bay

By Stuart Auerbach

NEW DELHI —

The explosion in a central square of Kabul that signaled the start of the Soviet military takeover of Afghanistan two years ago is still reverberating around the world.

The invasion has tarnished the image of the Red Army, which in its first real military test since the end of World War II remains tied down by nationalist resistance. In a succession of votes in the United Nations, the Nonaligned Movement and the Organization of Islamic Conference, it has punctured the Soviets' carefully cultivated image as a friend of the Third World and some analysts think that by tying down Soviet troops, it serves as a restraint against Soviet military action in Poland.

In two years, the Soviets have failed to gain either political or military control of Afghanistan despite the presence of as many as 110,000 troops in that rugged, Texas-sized nation.

Until recently, most Western diplomatic sources had placed the Soviet troop strength in Afghanistan at 85,000. Now there is a growing feeling among both Asian and Western intelligence experts here that the Soviets are increasing the number. One source placed it at 110,000 — the number cited about six months ago by a Western diplomat but immediately denied by the Pentagon in what some here saw as a move by the Reagan administration to dampen anti-Soviet feeling before keeping a campaign promise to end the grain embargo.

Washington, which keeps close watch on Soviet troop movements in Afghanistan through satellite surveillance, now says there are at least 90,000. The State Department said recently that "the Soviet occupation forces and their Afghan puppets are today no closer to their objectives of suppressing the resistance and establishing firm control of Afghanistan than they were two years ago."

The statement, describing the Soviet forces as bogged down in their battle against the Afghan nationalists, warned that "there is growing concern" that pressure to produce military results "will lead to an increased use of chemical warfare by the Soviets." It said "evidence of the use of lethal and

casualty-producing chemical agents is mounting," and that the main use has been against freedom fighters bases in caves, "which are otherwise inaccessible to aircraft or helicopter attack."

Meanwhile, the Afghan Army, which Moscow hoped would carry the bulk of the fighting with Soviet air support and under Red Army advisers, continues to shrink. It is now estimated at 30,000 men — one-third its strength at the time of the Soviet invasion — while the Afghan freedom fighters are widely believed to be better armed now than they were two years ago. The Afghan government's draft calls are ineffective, and many of those conscripted appear to drift away with their weapons to join the fighters before they even taste combat.

Soviet Deputy Defense Minister Sergei Sokolov is reported to have been in Kabul this winter to reassess the military situation, in which — resistance groups, although so disunited, control an estimated 80 percent of the countryside.

Western and Asian military analysts report that the even Soviet Army has not done well in its battles against the fighters. Soviet military strategy is reported as static and unable to meet the challenges of a guerrilla war and, with the exception of the MI-24 helicopter gunship and advanced design, lightweight armored personnel carriers, many of the Soviet weapons are hampered by Afghanistan's mountainous terrain, with its lack of good roads and easy cover for fighters who know the country.

Discipline is said to be dwindling in the Red Army. Diplomats report that Soviets are trading equipment for drugs and soldiers have been seen selling used military shoes and scrapping gasoline from army trucks in downtown Kabul.

Estimates on Soviet casualties vary, with the Pentagon placing the two-year toll at about 5,000 killed and 5,000 wounded. While the state-controlled public opinion apparatus in the Soviet Union has kept this toll from becoming a major domestic issue, the political cost in the rest of the world appears high. It remains a serious irritant in U.S.-Soviet relations and gives Moscow a negative image among nonaligned and Islamic nations.

Each year at the United Nations, anti-Soviet

resolutions on Afghanistan pass by greater margins, even though Moscow mounts a peace offensive each time in an apparent attempt to blunt the damage.

The tentacles of the resistance fighters extend even into the Soviet stronghold of the capital city of Kabul, where Soviet soldiers reportedly have been forced to resume 24-hour guard duty in an attempt to stem the fighters' attacks.

Explosions go off day and night in Kabul's public places including, according to Western and Asian diplomatic reports reaching here, one in the former Kabul Intercontinental Hotel during an Afro-Asian Solidarity meeting in November.

The fighters reportedly move so freely in Kabul that a Soviet civilian technical expert was kidnapped from the streets. The fighters operate their own radio station, Radio Free Kabul, which was heard in the Afghan capital for the first time in December. It broadcast 30 minutes of anti-Soviet propaganda and threats against the pro-Moscow Afghans over a transmitter reportedly donated by Western European supporters of the Afghan resistance.

Although there is no question that some weapons, especially the antitank rocket-propelled grenades that have become the latest prestige plaything of nationalist fighters, are being supplied by the West, most of the arms used by the fighters are captured from Soviet or Afghan forces or are locally made copies of the ancient Lee Enfield single-shot rifle.

With their enhanced fire power, the fighters appear to be doing well against Afghan and Soviet troops. Twice they all but took over Afghanistan's second largest city, Kandahar, most recently in a two-day fire fight late in November, and they still hold southern enclaves of that battered city. They have successfully defended the strategic Panjshir Valley, just 30 miles north of Kabul, from Afghan-Soviet attacks.

Despite their apparent ability to hold the Soviet and Afghan forces at bay, the nationalists operating in the hills of Afghanistan have failed to achieve unity. It now appears that the rivalries among the dozen or so resistance factions are hampering

efforts to win the support of the Afghan villagers still in the country and are preventing tribal bands from capitalizing on each other's military successes.

Even so, perhaps the greatest surprise since the Soviet invasion has been the tenacity of the resistance fighters, who despite their lack of training and equipment continue against Soviet tanks, flame-throwing helicopter gunships and MiG fighters.

While the fighting continues, the Soviet-installed government of Babrak Karmal has failed to win popular backing. Internal feuds between his Parcham faction of the Communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the opposing Khalq wing have intensified since the Soviet takeover. There are increasing rumors that Moscow is seeking a replacement for Karmal, who might be more successful in uniting the party and building popular support.

Meanwhile, the Soviets have tightened their grip on the Afghan administrative apparatus and the nation's economy. According to a variety of defectors, important decisions are made by Soviet advisers; courts and schools are being switched from a Western European to a Soviet model, and more and more party loyalists are being sent to the Soviet Union for training.

The belief here is that Moscow would like to turn Afghanistan into a Communist state much like Mongolia, completely dominated by the Soviet Union but retaining its independent status to give the Kremlin one more vote in such world bodies as the United Nations and the Nonaligned Movement.

With its isolation from the West, the economy of Afghanistan has become more and more entwined with that of the Soviet Union. Afghan trade with the West has dwindled to almost nothing and has been replaced with commerce with the Soviet bloc at what emigre Afghan economists say are far less advantageous terms.

The greatest loss to Afghanistan, however, may be its people. The State Department estimates 2.5 million have fled the country, most to neighboring Pakistan but many into Iran. That amounts to about a fifth of the Afghan people — the largest refugee community in the world today — and includes most of the country's small number of educated elite. (WP)

MAYORS' CONTROVERSY

The controversy over the statements made by mayors Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Sami Shawa of Gaza, in which they called for "realism" in dealing with the situation created by Israel's occupation, is far from over. There were even calls for the two mayors to retire from public life, leaving the field for those who are more able to make the required stand.

The two mayors no doubt spoke from their immediate experience of Israeli oppression, from their daily struggle against an occupier whose aim is to denude the area of its Palestinian inhabitants. The area's lands, its water resources, its electricity, are all in the enemy's hand, and the situation this has created is such that ever increasing numbers are being forced to seek life elsewhere.

It was therefore not unnatural for the two mayors to give vent to their frustration — indeed, desperation — as this process continues, without there being a single sign that it is reversible. But if their view is understandable, it is not by that same token justifiable. That the Israelis are seeking to "create facts" in the occupied territories does not mean that these "facts" will have to be accepted.

It is essential for the Palestinian leadership in the occupied territories to continue to bear witness, as it has done up to now, against the inhumanity and illegality of those "facts."

Faced with the storm of criticism their statements caused, the two mayors are now saying they have been misunderstood. If this was the case, the fault is theirs for laying themselves open to such a misunderstanding. For up to now they were of a piece with the strong stand of their compatriots in the occupied territories. This is a heavy burden to carry, and it was for them to yield it silently to others if they felt it had become too taxing for them.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Kingdom's policy of diversifying sources of arms, the realization of a unified strategy in all fields by the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council, the U.N. General Assembly debate on the Israeli annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and the French defense minister's visit to Saudi Arabia made up editorial comment in Saturday's newspapers.

Commenting on the Kingdom's plans to diversify its sources of arms, *Okaz* said: "This policy is in accordance with reinforcing the self-capability of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf through the clearly laid down principles, underlining the significance of measures that will further strengthen the security and stability of the Gulf region."

"Another important aspect of this policy is to make it clear to all that the security of the Gulf region should be the sole responsibility of the states of the region. A great step has been made at the recently concluded GCC defense minister's conference, when all the Gulf states agreed on the need to integrate and coordinate their cooperation in the military fields," it added.

Al-Riyadh praised the realization of a unified Gulf strategy in all fields since the formation of the GCC, describing it as a "constructive step for the stability and inde-

pendence of the Gulf region."

"The formation of the council was a symbolic act of the people and states of the region for integrating and mobilizing all their resources and potentials for countering any future threats to their security and stability," it said.

Al-Jazirah criticized Israel's demand that Washington should provide it a written pledge, as an assurance for its final withdrawal from Sinai, describing it as "a new material evidence, reflecting expansionist Zionist designs against the Arab nation."

"It also showed that Israel will reject any principles that may lead to the granting of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the establishment of a homeland on their own soil," the paper said.

Al-Nadwa said the Zionists are exploiting the absence of Arab solidarity and petty Arab differences to launch aggressive actions and annex more Arab lands.

Dealing with the General Assembly debate over the Israeli annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, *Al-Madinah* said, "The Assembly will merely adopt a resolution denouncing the Zionist action and will fail in taking punitive measures against Israel because of the blind U.S. support for the Zionists." (SPA)

By Edwin Q. White

Korea's long and difficult road to unity

SEOUL, South Korea —

"Disappointed we were, but not wholly discouraged." That comment Thursday in a *Korea Times* editorial reflects a general mood here following South Korea's latest proposals for unification of the peninsula — and North Korea's rejection of them.

Officially, both South and North are committed to unification. But it is acknowledged here that the road to unity — if traveled at all — remains long and difficult. Some feel the division is as deep now as it has ever been since the country was split into southern and northern halves at the end of World War II — maybe even more so.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Walker took note of that situation in a speech this week, saying the "contrast between the two Koreas has, unfortunately, seemed to deepen in recent years with the rapid development of the South."

Even before President Chun Doo-hwan outlined Seoul's detailed unification proposals in a policy statement last Friday, government officials con-

ceded they expected North Korea to turn them down. Chun reiterated his call for a summit meeting between the leaders of South and North Korea and laid out a formula that included drafting of a constitution and elections for the entire peninsula.

Pyeongyang's rejection came four days later. With it came another call for a confederation covering the North and South along with the North's often repeated demand for a withdrawal of U.S. military forces from South Korea.

Government officials here said there were reasons to believe North Korea would remain negative, but that Chun's statement provided an opportunity to take a "new look at a comprehensive package." They said Seoul is not proposing any specific form of government for the future.

Along with Seoul's official commitment, there is a widespread longing among many South Koreans for an end to the separation, especially for a relaxation that would permit travel, the reunion of families, and a lessening of confrontation and the threat of war.

A few disagree, not because they reject the idea

of unification but because they rule out the practicality of it being attained. They point out that generations have grown up in North Korea with no contact with the South or the outside world, and knowing only one Communist leader.

However, a factor that looms with increasing urgency in official Seoul is that of possible major changes in North Korea. Its leader since the country was formed, Kim Il Sung, will be 70 years old in April. There are the recurring rumors about his health. Experts on the North agree generally that definitive moves already have been made to name his son, Kim Jung Il, his successor.

While little is known of the younger Kim or what course he might follow if he assumes power, some South Koreans view such a succession with serious concern. They consider "junior Kim" as he is often called here, more of an adventurer than his father has been in recent years. They express fear that if he seeks to shore up his position in a power struggle in the North, it could bring more extreme policies that could affect any move toward peaceful unification. (AP)

Businessmen and the terrorist threat

By Martin Bailey

LONDON —

The U.S. government-sponsored report on terrorism published last week claims that "businessmen in Northern Ireland regularly pay protection money" to the IRA. The study, prepared by the California-based Rand Corporation, was commissioned by the U.S. Commerce Department's Working Group on Terrorism to advise businessmen who have invested or are considering investing in operations abroad about the terrorist threat.

The report — *The Problem of U.S. Businesses Operating Abroad in Terrorist Environments* — warns that the cost of security can be high. An armored car costs at least \$30,000, and bodyguards

for a single executive can exceed \$1 million a year. Rand's investigation concludes that Western companies have paid hundreds of millions of dollars to release kidnapped executives in Latin America. On one occasion in Argentina the Monteneros guerrillas even "invested some of their payoffs in the very kind of organizations they operated against." Four years ago the Monteneros purchased investments worth up to \$20 million in companies such as the American Bank and Trust Corporation.

But the study also emphasizes "the detrimental effects of terrorism on productivity." In El Salvador, for example, one company interviewed by Rand said that because it was unable to guarantee the safety of American technicians it had to "ship its machinery back to the U.S. for major overhauls."

El Salvador has now become the most dangerous country for Western businessmen. The kidnapping of two British bankers, released in June 1979 after payment of a multimillion dollar ransom by a Lloyds subsidiary, was followed by a series of guerrilla attacks against foreign companies.

Risks International, a private U.S. security firm, estimates that the small Central American state of El Salvador suffered 24 percent of the world's terrorist attacks against businesses in 1980. These included 24 assassinations, eight kidnappings and 155 bombings.

Yet Western companies continue to operate in El Salvador because of its cheap labor. A local saying among businessmen is: "If you tell Salvadorans to plant rocks and harvest more rocks they will do it."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 31st, the 31st day of 1982. There are 334 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1531 — Roman Emperor Charles V appoints his sister, Mary, as regent of the Netherlands.

1596 — Decrees of Folembray end war of the Catholic League.

1606 — British conspirator Guy Fawkes is executed.

1891 — Civil war begins in Chile.

1917 — Germany announces policy of unrestricted naval warfare in World War I.

1928 — Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Soviet Union.

1943 — German troops surrender at Stalingrad in World War II.

1957 — Trans-Iranian pipeline from Abadan to Tehran is completed.

1958 — First U.S. earth satellite, Explorer I, is launched at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

1962 — Foreign ministers of Organization of American States vote to exclude Cuba from participation in the inter-American system.

1974 — Pan American Airways jet plane crashes on American Samoa, killing 95 of 101 people aboard.

1979 — China's First Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping says after meetings with U.S. President Jimmy Carter and congressional leaders that Moscow is the world's "main hotbed of war."

1981 — Polish government, after marathon bargaining, reaches agreement on working hours with the independent labor federation, Solidarity.

Thought for today:

Imagination has always had powers that no science can match — Ingrid Bengis U.S. author (1944 —).

Mood could be changing

Indira Gandhi is popular despite her performance

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI, India (LAT) — Mushrooming corruption, declining law and order and growing public disquiet about the government's apparent inability to cope with such problems would have most government leaders in full retreat. But India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is an exception.

Despite her government's dearth of accomplishment in the last two years, and a deepening pessimism about the nation's future, Gandhi, at 64, reigns supreme, her power unchallenged, her popularity buoyant. Although a recent sampling of public opinion in 15 Indian urban centers disclosed that nearly 70 percent of those polled were dissatisfied with conditions in the country, Gandhi's personal popularity remained steady, with 60 percent expressing satisfaction with her performance.

Gandhi's untarnished image reflects her unique appeal among people who believe that her life is somehow intertwined with that of modern India. It also indicates the low standing of her quarrelsome, fragmented opposition, so far incapable of capitalizing on her lack of performance.

"Of all the people, Mrs. Gandhi is the only one who can do what India needs to be done," Bashiruddin Ahmad, director of the Center for Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi said.

Within her Congress (I) Party — The I stands for India — her popularity continues at the levels of adulation and sycophancy. Last week a group of state legislators from her party suggested that she be elected "Director of India." But nearing the second anniversary, later this month, of her triumphant return to power, there are signs that this mood may be changing.

For the first time since returning to power, respected voices close to Mrs. Gandhi have begun in recent weeks to raise questions about deteriorating conditions in the country. That criticism falls far short of opposition rhetoric, but it is considered significant because it could affect Gandhi's personal standing.

Perhaps the most damaging of those statements came from an uncle of Gandhi, former Ambassador to Washington B.K. Nehru, in a speech last month in Madras on the precipitous decline of public morality. "In one particular state no less than 30 percent of the legislators are involved in criminal cases of one type or another," Nehru said. "The laws which affect the vested interests remain a dead letter."

Recent massacres of untouchables in Uttar Pradesh have shocked the country and embarrassed Gandhi, who campaigned on a promise to restore law and order and improve conditions for members of depressed castes. The killing of 10 untouchables last week in the village of Sadhupur, 250 miles southeast of New Delhi, followed by six weeks the slaughter of 24 untouchables in a village only 20 miles away.

Although the numbers were relatively small — violent deaths are common in India — they became a glaring symbol of government impotence. The Sadhupur incident made a mockery of a much-publicized, month-long crackdown on criminal gangs operating in the state.

Gandhi also has failed to end civil unrest in the northeastern state of Assam, a situation that has simmered since late 1979. Only on the economic front has there been any progress. Inflation, running at more than 20 percent when she came to power, has dropped to around 8 percent, while efforts to improve production in key public industries have shown some success.

Coal production, for example, rose nearly

9 percent after four years of stagnation, and steel production and railway-freight haulage have, also improved, according to government figures.

In the private sector, cumbersome licensing procedures have been eased, import restrictions have been lifted and production ceilings have been waived. To underscore the importance of her economic program, Gandhi has called 1982 "the year of productivity."

She has also invoked a tough anti-strike law and ended subsidies on domestically produced oil as part of her effort to get a \$5.7 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund.

The loan would help pay India's \$7 billion annual bill for imported oil and enable the country to begin a major oil-exploration program and a major capital-investment program to resuscitate its sagging industries.

But India must meet IMF conditions that involve some difficult political decisions including a reduction of subsidies on foodstuffs, fertilizers and transportation.

Western economists believe that backward social conditions and rampant corruption preclude any significant improvement in India's traditional economic growth rate of 3 percent to 4 percent a year, a level so predictable that some economists refer to it as the "Hindin growth rate."

In the vital power-generating industry, problems generally attributed to poor management by state government electricity boards, ill-disciplined staff and defective equipment have kept output at less than half of capacity and have kept the country desperately short of electricity.

Government statements that India's economy has "turned the corner" are judged as premature at best by independent economists. The Reserve Bank of India said in its recent economic report that "power generation has been below the estimated requirements, availability of transport is still erratic and shortages persist in important inputs like cement and steel."

India's economic difficulties coupled with a sense of political drift and official indifference have caused a deepening of pessimism among the country's intellectuals.

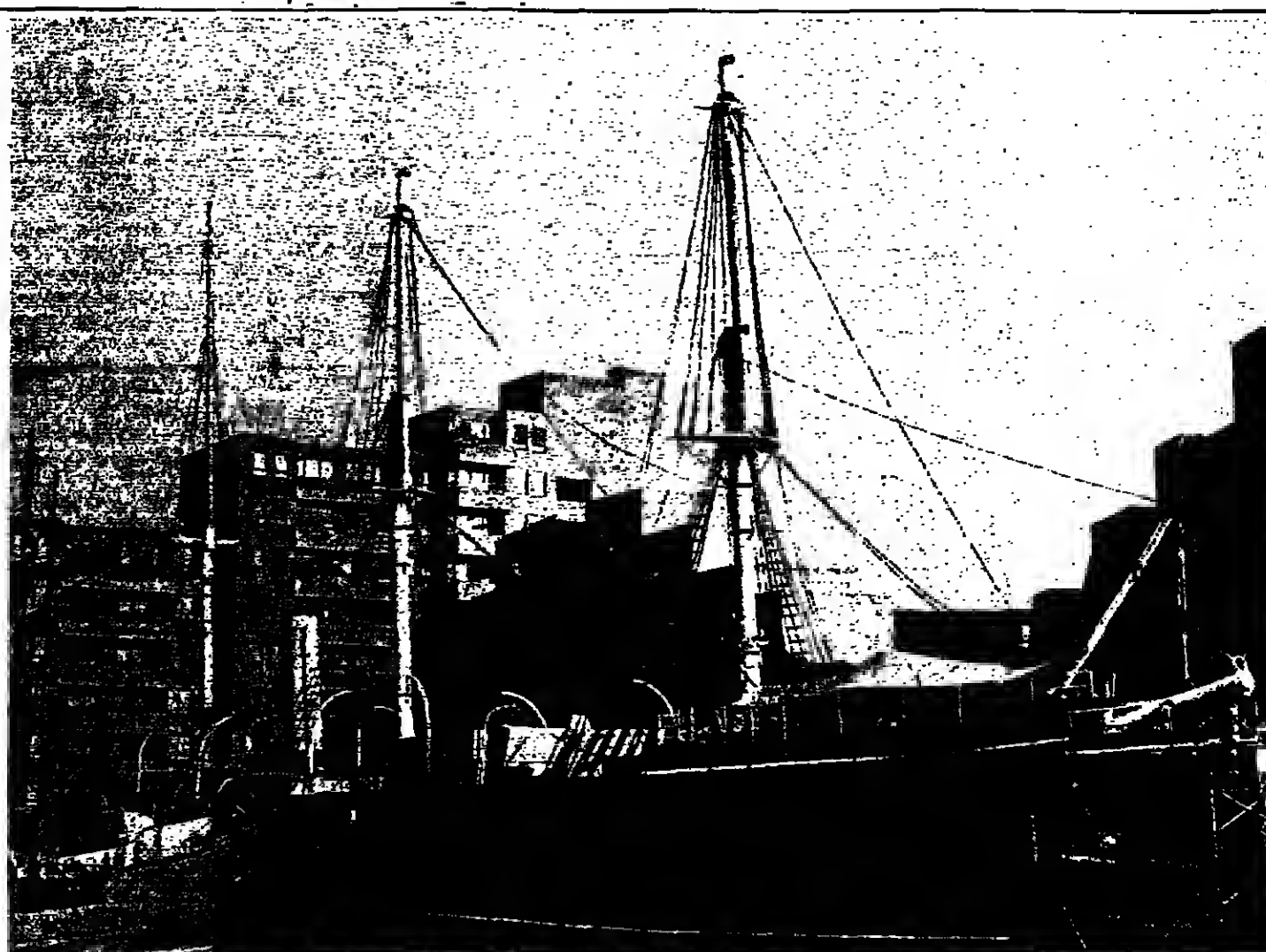
Rajni Kothari, a leading political scientist, recently described the government as "a tottering state structure controlled and exploited by parasites of various hues and shades, held together by a negative concept, namely the need to stop further erosion of state power and authority."

Nihal Singh, editor of the *Indian Express*, said "Mrs. Gandhi presides over a system that has corroded dangerously." Although Gandhi has demonstrated little concern about the decline of India's key democratic institutions since her return to power, she has so far refrained from any authoritarian crackdown of the sort her opponents feared.

In June, 1975, she suspended democracy for 20 months, jailed political foes and imposed press censorship. Now, some observers say, her divided and ineffectual political opponents are so weak that there has been no need for repeating such measures.

The note that Gandhi's attacks on the opposition have been stepped up significantly since last month, when three parties began exploring the possibility of uniting. But many believe that the death of Gandhi's younger son and political chief of staff, Sanjay, has eased that threat considerably.

Those sources say that it was Sanjay who was responsible for the worst of the emergency excesses. He, not his mother, was the real threat to Indian democracy they argue, and with his passing the immediate threat of authoritarianism has disappeared.



EXPLORATION VESSEL: The *Discovery* is now being restored in St. Katharine's Dock, London and is open for tours while it is being worked on. The vessel made its first trip to Antarctica in 1901 and is now being refitted in the same condition as it was in 1925.

Scientific cover-up suggested

Ill-effects felt from Medfly spray, suits claim health hazards ignored

By Jay Mathews

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — In the wake of millions of dollars in damage claims and charges of a scientific cover-up, state officials have begun to consider a test of the long-term effects of 160,000 gallons of Mediterranean fruit fly insecticide sprayed over Californians in the last year.

California faces enormous economic losses if the Medfly is not eradicated, and government officials, bolstered by reports from top scientists that malathion does little harm in small doses, have been unusually sensitive to any statements that might create more public protests to use of the pesticide.

Dr. Melvin D. Reuber, a board-certified pathologist whose work helped lead to a federal ban on two other pesticides, said he was forced to resign from a government research laboratory last year after he "challenged" research that led to a National Cancer Institute conclusion that malathion did not cause cancer.

A letter from Reuber's supervisor said his "obstinate actions" had a "multimillion-dollar implication" for California's agriculture industry, the state's leading money-maker.

A California state pathologist, Marc Lappe, was removed as head of the hazard evaluation unit of the Health Services Department after he publicly disclosed an internal study that made malathion look riskier than the department had said it was.

Lappe's research unit had initially reported that the spraying posed minimal risk to humans, but he said in a recent interview that the assessment was based on six malathion sprayings, not the 15 sprayings that have been carried out in some parts of the San Francisco Bay area.

Lappe is working on a National Science

Foundation-funded project at the University of California at Berkeley. A spokesman for the state Health Services Department said Lappe was removed as unit chief because of "administrative problems," not because of his criticism of the department's malathion report.

State officials, who did a spot survey of hospital emergency rooms and a telephone survey of 127 residents inside and outside the spraying area, say there is no indication that health complaints increased after the sprayings. But they say they are interested in exploring long-term effects of the pesticide if the legislature will provide the money.

Although the number of reported cases of harm from malathion spraying appears to be relatively small, it indicates that some individuals may react violently to a very small exposure to the chemical.

Ruch Lindsey, 51, a supervisor for Pacific Telephone, said that three days after Medfly project helicopters sprayed over her San Jose home her face had "this terrible tingling, the same as in your arm when it goes asleep." She said her face turned red and swollen and that she suffered headaches and nausea that caused her to miss 47 days of work.

She has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the state, backed by affidavits from two doctors attributing her symptoms to malathion. More than \$10 million in damage claims have been filed against the state, most charging automobile damage, but many also making health complaints.

Amanda Hawes, 38, a San Jose attorney who has handled many of the claims against the state and is an activist in campaign against spraying, a group formed in the San Francisco peninsula area, said one of her small children developed sudden loss of appetite and vomited after a spraying.

She and her family arranged to stay with friends in an unsprayed area whenever

helicopters sprayed over her neighborhood, "but after doing that 12 weeks in a row it tends to get on your nerves," she said.

Malathion is an organophosphate, chemically related to nerve gas, which kills Medflies by acting on their nervous system.

James Mahoney, special assistant to the director of the state Health Services Department, said the state has invited two Massachusetts researchers, Dr. Frank H. Duffy of the Harvard Medical School and David Culber of Braintrust Inc., to study the long-range effects of exposure to the pesticide.

Work by Duffy and James L. Burchfiel, based on studies of monkeys and 77 workers accidentally exposed to a similar chemical, shows "long-term change in brain function in both monkey and man," according to their article in the scientific journal *Neurotoxicology*.

Culver's firm employs a new technique, called beam for brain electrical activity mapping, which provides unusually sensitive computer-analyzed electroencephalogram readings.

Duffy said his studies indicate that the change in brain activity caused by exposure to organophosphates can produce excessive dreaming, altered sex drive, memory loss and irritability.

Duffy said he was preparing a proposal for a controlled study of the spraying effects in the San Francisco Bay area.

But there will be difficulties, Mahoney said. Potential subjects might be distressed to learn that they have some apparent brain disorder, he said, and the beam system has never been used to measure the effects of pesticide spraying in very small doses.

"There is also a serious question whether such a study would be financed," Mahoney said. He said the legislature has killed funds for an expanded survey of cancer cases in the spraying area.

Stronger, more stable

Due to biological in-growth, false knee will last longer

By Christine Russell

WASHINGTON (WP) — He can't run, but 29-year-old Floyd Hartley of Baltimore can walk painlessly again following the implantation of two experimental artificial knees designed to last much longer than the prosthetic of the past.

Baltimore developer of the new knee says it is the first to allow the patient's own bone cells to grow into the device itself, producing an unusual union that could be stronger and more stable.

Dr. David Hungerford, who developed and tested the artificial knee with colleagues at Johns Hopkins Medical institutions and Good Samaritan Hospital, considers the initial success in using this combination approach to be "just the tip of the iceberg."

He predicts more widespread use of the process in other parts of the body, from applications of the process in hip replacements, and the Baltimore team is in the process of developing their own hip device as well.

A paper outlining two years of experience with the knee replacement was presented recently at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in New Orleans.

The device, called the "porous coated anatomic total knee," is coated with chrome cobalt beads, providing a surface that encourages the patient's bone cells to grow into the artificial joint. Hartley, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis who underwent surgery twice in 1980, is one of 22 patients — who were followed for an average of 15 months — in whom X-rays documented that this "biological in-growth" actually took place.

In the past the commonly used technique has involved cementing an artificial knee into place, which also loosens over the years and eventually must be replaced. About 40,000 Americans annually undergo surgery to replace knees weakened by accident and disease — mostly from arthritis and, less frequently, football injuries.

Hungerford estimates that more than half would be candidates for the porous, artificial, cementless knee. He believes that, theoretically at least, the cementless knee would "last indefinitely" — at least several times longer than existing prostheses — but cautions that it has not been studied long enough to know just what the span would be.

The metal-and-plastic device is installed by drilling holes in the lower end of the thigh-bone and the upper portion of the shin bone. The original knee joint is removed, and the artificial knee is attached to the bones with pegs that are fitted into the holes and pressed tightly into place. The false knee is expected to grow stronger as the patient's own bone cells get a grip on the new joint.

"This is particularly important for young people," says Hungerford. "They're more active and put greater stress on their knees. And their longer lifespan means they would have to have a cemented knee replaced more often."

At present the cementless device is available only for experimentation and still awaits final Food and Drug Administration approval, Hungerford said. FDA officials attending the meeting were unavailable for comment.

It is also manufactured commercially for conventional use with cement for patients who have lost too much bone or whose bones have become too worn down for the experimental technique.

From the patient's perspective, the new knees work "just beautifully," according to Hartley, who earlier underwent surgery to have artificial hips cemented in place. He says he now gets around easily in his job as a computer aide at the Social Security Administration.

The former athlete, who was afflicted with arthritis the summer after high school as he was contemplating a professional baseball career, can't play sports himself. But he's happy to be able to stand on the sidelines as a volunteer coach.

Discovery finds final London berth

By Stephanie Clark

LONDON — The ship that Captain Scott sailed to the Antarctic has finally come to harbor. The famous exploration vessel *Discovery* is being restored in St. Katharine's Dock, London, and joins the Maritime Trust's National Collection of Historic Ships, open to visitors in the East Dock.

Discovery was built for the National Antarctic Expedition 1901-4 and Robert Falcon Scott, a torpedo lieutenant in the Royal Navy was appointed leader. Scott and his crew of volunteers established their winter quarters on McMurdo Sound, some 2,000 miles south of New Zealand and the ship was frozen in for two years. Scott, Wilson and Shackleton became famous as a result of the expedition. Scott and Wilson died returning from the South Pole in 1912.

Discovery was sold to Hudson's Bay Company on her return, and served as a supply ship for 15 years, but in 1925, she was refitted with scientific laboratories, outboard platforms and winches and was off to the Antarctic again. Her third and final expedition came in 1929, when she was loaned to the British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition. For many years after that, she was moored on the Thames near Waterloo Bridge.

Two years ago, the Ministry of Defense handed over the ship to the Maritime Trust which, with the National Maritime Museum, undertook to restore and re-rig her. The £4 million program employing a team of riggers and shipwrights, is due to take another three years and when completed, she will be refitted as the *Discovery* of 1925. The lower deck is already open to visitors, and a series of displays show her construction and history.

Her veteran neighbors in the dock include the last remaining wooden West Country topsail schooner, the three-masted *Kathleen and May*. Built in 1900, she sat on a mud berth in Devon, surrounded by the rotting timbers of her sister schooners and ketches in the late 1960s, until in 1971 she became the Maritime Trust's first purchase.

The River Thames spritsail barge *Cambria* had the distinction of being the last registered vessel trading purely under sail. She was launched in 1906 and traded between London, the east coast, the Channel ports and the Continent, until she was bought by the Trust.

Thames barges have been part of the maritime scene for nearly 200 years. Most of their time was spent sailing down the Thames, but in the later part of the last century, the red-brown sails could be seen anywhere around the coast of the British Isles. Early this century, there were over 2,000 sailing up the Thames estuary, bringing hay for the horses and loading up with manure to take back to the country. Today there are only about 40 Thames barges afloat (some can be seen in St. Katharine's Dock); although there are a number around the creeks and harbors, now being used as houseboats.

The steam herring drifter *Lydia Eve*; the *Robin* built in 1890, a rare survivor of the steam coasters; the Thames steam tug *Chal-lenger*; and the Nore light vessel, built in the Isle of Wight in 1931, complete the collection.

The Maritime Trust, a non-profit-making registered charity, was founded in 1962 to preserve historic ships and display them to the public. The admission price to the collection goes entirely towards annual maintenance costs.

In the last 10 years, St. Katharine-by-the-Tower, the name given to the riverside acres just east of the Tower of London, has grown into a bustling business and leisure center. London's World Trade Center; the Tower Hotel, with splendid views of the River Thames; luxury service apartments, restaurants and shops make up the complex. Moorings for over 250 private craft are also available. Just beyond Tower Bridge, visitors can also board *H.M.S. Belfast*, the World War II cruiser which is now a naval museum.

St. Katharine's Dock, designed by Scottish engineer Thomas Telford, opened in 1828 and ships from all over the world were able to unload their cargoes right in the heart of London. The docks were badly damaged in World War II and with the introduction of big container ships, St. Katharine's closed as a commercial dock in 1968.

Low-cost biogas plant shown at science expo

MYSORE (PTI) — "Bhagyalakshmi" a new compact low-cost biogas plant developed on the Chinese model by the University of Agricultural Science here, is one of the major attraction of the exhibition organized as part of the 69th Indian Science Congress.

The plant, which can be put up at half the cost of the existing biogas plant, is a mixed type with an RCC dome and made of brick, cement and mortar. Its utility extends up to 50 years as against the ten-year profile of a drum-type plant.

"Bhagyalakshmi", says a spokesman of the University, is a permanent structure needing no recurring expenditure.

Yet another attraction at the exhibition is the indigenously developed solar photovoltaic modules that can power simple transistor radios by sophisticated equipment used by scientists, communication engineers, meteorologists and navy personnel.

British coffee morning

JEDDAH — A coffee morning for British community wives is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. in the ambassador's garden. Children are welcome.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

Theater performances by the deaf enthrall audiences, are a sellout

MUNICH (DNP) — Sunday afternoon at Munich's Youth Theater, Moliere's *L'Avare* is being staged. It's a box-office sell-out and the spectators are enthralled.

Nothing unusual, you might say. But here, the players and the audience are deaf. They communicate with soundless words, the language of mouth-image and gesture. Each movement with hands, fingers and mouths is of significance which must be understood in order to follow what's happening on stage. Anyone who has not learned this language can comprehend only a little of what is going on. But the performance is still an impressive experience.

It's not surprising that the guest appearances of the only German theater-for-the-deaf are always sold out. Theater director Heinz Feuerbaum comments: "For the deaf, this is the only opportunity to participate in cultural life."

The main blame, he says, lies with the television stations in the Federal Republic of Germany, which he believes have done far too little for the deaf.

"Television is actually the ideal medium for the deaf," he said. "In most other industrial countries, there have long been special TV programs for deaf people but here, we're only just starting."

The sign language soon will be introduced in television news programs. But until deaf people's hopes of a better television future are fulfilled, the Munich theater, sponsored by the German Deaf Federation, will probably continue to be the only cultural facility for more than 50,000 deaf individuals in the Federal Republic of Germany.

For a theater director, this is an unusual activity — particularly considering the fact that Feuerbaum is not deaf himself. But he is indirectly affected. His mother could not hear. He himself is physically handicapped, and knows what it's like to be different from "the others." It was through his mother that this trained actor-director got involved in the theater-for-the-deaf 26 years ago.



HEINZ FEUERBAUM: This director has been staging performances at Germany's only theater-for-the-deaf for 26 years.

which, at that time, was four years old. Since then, his chance encounter with soundless theater has become a life's work. Feuerbaum has translated, adapted and rehearsed with his players several hundred stage presentations. With a repertoire of three or four plays, the ensemble spends several months on tour. The program knows no limitations, though Heinz's preference is for Shakespeare.

This state-subsidized theater company has also showed its skills abroad, but only with pantomime presentations because the sign language is not international. The players are especially proud of their faring at the last World Congress of the Deaf in Bulgaria where, along with the Soviets, they won first place among 30 deaf ensembles from all over the world.

The 25 players are all professionals,

trained at a special acting school in Dortmund. Feuerbaum doesn't think it unusual for deaf people to become actors: "The visual element is the main feature of theater. Language is secondary." Furthermore, says the veteran theater chief, deaf people have a strong "feel" for the theater and this helps them to express themselves.

There are many amateur theater groups among this country's deaf associations and they have provided him with many a talented player.

For members of the German Theater for the Deaf — as for any other theater group — tours are hard work. Every day a performance in a different theater, not much sleep, a lot of travel, hardly any time off and all the make-up, changing of costume and, of course, the work on stage.

They all suffer from stage fright — 17-year-old student actress Cornelia Biczysko, the servant "La Fleche" in the Moliere comedy and appearing on the stage for the first time naturally more so than her colleague Manfred Klute, a "veteran" with 27 years acting experience.

Even Feuerbaum is a little jittery before the curtain rises. On one occasion, there was a problem when curtain time was wrong in the programs. The show had to start an hour later than planned.

Backstage, the changing rooms were blocked and the whole company had to get ready in two tiny rooms — and it's obvious how important make-up and costume are in this type of theater. "The deaf are purely visual people." But there's no panic. It's just like one big family — indeed, some of the players often bring along their children, friends, husbands or wives.

Feuerbaum believes his purpose is to entertain, but also to educate the spectator, to make what has been written down visible and thus stimulate interest in reading. "As a result of their debility, the deaf are largely isolated from their surroundings, forced to live in a world of their own. But why shouldn't there be theater in that world?"

New Swedish initiative

Disarmament panel opens talks Tuesday

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 30 (AP) — The 40-nation United Nations committee on disarmament begins its winter session here Tuesday in a climate of international tension which the developments of the past seven weeks in Poland have done nothing to attenuate.

For almost three years now, the participating states, comprising the five nuclear powers and 35 non-nuclear countries, have been attempting to negotiate a world disarmament agreement on conventional weaponry, a draft comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty and a convention to prohibit the development, production, stockpiling, and use of both radiological and chemical weapons. Not only have these slow and complex discussions been handicapped by a total absence of trust in East-West dealings, but the committee this year is pushed to have a progress report ready for the special United Nations General Assembly session on disarmament from June 7 to July 9.

If any progress can be expected at all, Western diplomatic sources indicated, it is more likely to be in the negotiations on the convention to ban the production of fissionable material for military uses over and above those for nuclear explosive devices.

However, Sweden has moved to include in this a ban on deliberate attacks against civilian nuclear installations following the destruction by Israeli war planes last June of the Iraqi nuclear research center at Tammuz. While some other Western nations are far from supporting the Swedish initiative, any progress in this area will at best be relative. For the proposed convention itself is mani-

festly of symbolic value only, in that it relates to the banning of weapons that are non-existent.

As for continued deadlock in the areas of more immediate concern, the prospects of speedy progress appear remote, the sources indicated. Despite the steady campaigning of Mexico, negotiating a draft comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty as requested by the 33rd session of the U.N. General Assembly at the close of 1978 is still in an impasse.

A general ban on nuclear test explosions sought by the 21 nonaligned members of the committee as a prerequisite has run into opposition from Western nations who are holding out for parallel negotiations on both nuclear and conventional disarmament.

As regards the negotiations on banning chemical warfare, the United States has been unwilling to empower the working group concerned in this to negotiate a multilateral convention. For in this the Americans have consistently favored negotiating a ban on chemical warfare bilaterally with the Soviet Union — itself tacitly in favor of this solution.

Unhappily, however, these very negotiations have been in suspense since the Reagan administration took office. Meanwhile, at the coming session yet another item has been added to the committee's already overburdened agenda: a request from the U.N. General Assembly to study new measures to prevent any extension of the arms race to inner space.

This relates in particular to outlying anti-satellite and the placing of military material in earth orbit — a concern largely of the United States and the Soviet Union.

Chinese officials charged with fraud

PEKING, Jan. 30 (AP) — Officials in Wenzhou, western China, have been accused of involvement in a series of frauds amounting to 11 million yuan (\$6.2 million), among the largest such crimes committed in China since the Communist takeover in 1949.

The New China News Agency said seven persons were arrested, and 15 leading local Communist Party members were given warnings. Four cases of fraud were uncovered last summer, the agency said. The suspects helped market a fake medicine, distribute kitchen knives counterfeiting a famous brand, seed throughout China books and school publications filled with errors, and provide illegal economic contracts, NCNA said.

Other people in power, such as treasurers, suppliers and other employees in the city's

economic services also participated in the frauds by supplying sales permits and letters of recommendation.

The party's discipline control commission last week published in 'The People's Daily' newspaper a denunciation of the Wenzhou fraud, and warned other leaders of viewing softer regulations in China as an invitation for profit. The last such fraud was reported last March, when a 4.5-million-yuan (\$2.5-million) gap was found in the accounts of a petrochemical complex in the eastern province of Shandong.

Wang Shouxin, the director of a factory in Heilongjiang, northeastern China, was executed in February 1980 for having embezzled more than 500,000 yuan (\$285,000) from the factory.

China fears baby boom

PEKING, Jan. 30 (R) — China's leaders fear a new baby boom in the world's most populous nation where 33 babies are born every minute and 11 persons die.

Vice Premier Gen Muhua said family planning was no longer strictly observed and population growth in this country of one billion people exceeded the target last year. Madame Chen, quoted in the *Hina* daily, said hundreds of millions of people born during a period of uncontrolled growth in the 1960s were now entering marriageable age. "If they are not guided into the orbit of family planning, it will be almost impossible to keep our population within the limit of 1.2 billion at the end of the century," said Madame Chen, director of China's top birth control organization.

Because of a vigorous birth control program, in which couples are often penalized for having more than one child, the growth rate is now less than 1.2 percent. But Madame Chen said population control was still a matter for "much apprehension."

She said China's grain output almost equaled that of the United States in 1980, yet per capita production was very low by world standards. Madame Chen said eugen-

ics, the controversial science of improving the physical and mental health of people through selective breeding, "must not be neglected."

China now has more than one million patients suffering from congenital mental deficiency while the level of education of its population in general ranks is "comparatively low in the world." She said there were 454 college students for every 10,000 Americans. But in China, there were only 14.

She noted that recent agricultural reforms, under which groups of families or individual households have responsibility for meeting production quotas, tended to encourage people to have more babies. China is conducting a nationwide census this year, a massive operation involving American-designed computers and five million interviewers.

Other official statistics published Saturday showed there were over 40 marriages for every one divorce in China. A senior judge said last year the divorce rate was climbing because the courts, unwilling in the past to end marriages, realized they had been too strict.

In federal code

CIA seeks shield for agents

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (AP) — CIA Director William Casey has proposed that immunity from criminal prosecution be given to CIA agents who are on legitimate missions. *The Los Angeles Times* has reported.

Several Justice Department officials oppose such protection, fearing it would give agents free license to engage in illegal activity without the department's approval, the newspaper said.

According to the newspaper, Casey suggested in a letter to Attorney General William French Smith that Congress be asked to approve such protection.

However, the newspaper said Friday the idea was strongly opposed by Smith's office of intelligence policy review, which warned of such possible violations as participation in narcotics deals or bribery to maintain CIA cover. With Casey's proposal, the agents

could not be punished by U.S. law for those actions.

The newspaper said Casey's letter suggested additional wording in the federal criminal code that would state: "Nothing in (federal criminal law) shall be construed to create criminal liability for the conduct of intelligence activities by a federal public servant that are authorized and conducted in accordance with the constitution and applicable federal statutes, executive orders, presidential directives and Department or Agency regulations which regulate the conduct of intelligence activities."

According to the newspaper, Stanley Sporkin, general counsel for the CIA, said the proposal was submitted in response to legislation now pending before Congress that would revise the federal criminal code.

Noted Filipino psychic healer dies

MANILA, Jan. 30 (AP) — Antonio C. Agapao, Filipino healer who claimed a wide following among Americans and other foreigners, died early Saturday of a cerebral hemorrhage, the official Philippine news agency PNA said.

Hector T. Lopez, medical director of the St. Louis General Hospital in Baguio City, 200 kms north of Manila, said Agapao died almost one week after suffering a stroke, the agency reported. Agapao was the most well-known of the Philippines' scores of healers. Since the mid-1960s, he treated mostly

foreign patients from the United States, Canada and Europe with bare-handed "psychic surgeries," using what he said were special powers of healing. PNA said. Before his hospitalization, he and his five assistants reportedly received up to 1,000 visitors — both patients and tourists — a day.

Although Agapao, like the many other Filipino healers, claimed he never charged fees for his services but merely accepted "voluntary donations" from grateful patients, a recent issue of *Asia Week* magazine described him as a "millionaire many times over." Although some of Agapao's patients had exposed his well-publicized "cures" as frauds and American authorities branded him and other Filipino psychic healers as "charlatans," PNA said many of his patients hailed his treatment.

Political settlement urged

Salvador critics to contest Reagan judgment on rights

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP) — Critics of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government are vowing to fight President Ronald Reagan's certification that the military-civilian junta has made a "concerted and significant effort" to protect human rights.

The president's judgment Thursday followed published reports alleging that El Salvador's troops had massacred hundreds of unarmed men, women and children in recent offensives against leftist forces. The certification was required by Congress in last year's foreign aid bill before the administration could continue \$65 million in aid to the central American government.

Representative Gerry E. Studds, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he will introduce a resolution to overturn Reagan's certification, which charged ignored widespread human rights abuse by the Salvadoran military. "There's no way the president's going to legitimately meet the concerns of the Congress in this (foreign aid) law," Studds said. "I don't know anybody outside his administration who believes what the administration is saying."

Senator Christopher Dodd, one of the sponsors of the certification requirement, warned that Reagan's El Salvador decision threatened to recreate "the credibility gap" that existed during the Vietnam War. "In large part what turned the American public against the Vietnam conflict was the growing, gnawing conviction over time that the United States governments in the person of the president, was not being honest with the American public and that the facts were being hidden and the American public misled," Dodd said.

"Certification cannot substitute for the facts and in the case of El Salvador, the gap between the two is growing wider and deeper," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy called the administration decision "a tragic mistake that will only make the conflict worse and involve the United States even more deeply in that civil war."

"The Reagan administration is setting a dangerous course by pursuing a military solution in El Salvador, when the urgent need is for a political settlement to end the conflict," Kennedy said. At the White House, however, Deputy Presidential Press secretary Larry Speakes maintained Saturday that the Salvadoran government "is taking significant strides to reduce civil strife and endemic violence, which have convulsed El Salvador for years." A house hearing on the certification is set for next Tuesday with a Senate hearing expected the following Monday.

In a six-page report to Congress explaining Reagan's decision, the administration said the Salvadoran government was making reasonable progress toward halting human rights abuses, considering the current civil war.

"El Salvador is now in a state of active civil strife involving the government and armed forces of the left and right," the report said. "As in similar circumstances in history, such

civil strife has produced violations of human rights."

While not addressing recent reports in *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* about alleged government massacres of civilians, it noted that the military high command has prohibited its troops from violating human rights. The report, delivered to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said statistics compiled by the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador showed a decrease in alleged abuses by security forces. However, a State Department official who was involved in the El Salvador decision raised questions about that assessment. The official, who asked not to be identified, said he was "not aware of any" improvements in the El Salvador government's human rights record.

The president's certification also seemed certain to be contested in court. Michael Lukan of the council on hemispheric affairs, said the liberal Washington-based research group will seek an injunction against continuation of aid immediately.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the American Watch Committee, a human rights group, said their recent study of the Salvadoran military's actions "in our judgment make it unlawful of the president to reach the findings necessary to issue the certification."

Unless overturned, the certification ensures that El Salvador will continue to receive the \$25 million in economic aid, besides military aid programmed for this fiscal year.

Sri Lanka plans drive against secessionists

COLOMBO, Jan. 30 (AP) — A joint army-police operation is expected in the next few days to flush out suspected key Tamil secessionists in northern Sri Lanka, published reports said Saturday.

The reports followed the arrest Wednesday night of two young men believed by police to be closely associated with leading members of the secessionist movement seeking to set up a separate Tamil state. Three other suspected Tamil militants were also reported to have been arrested, but police have not revealed any identities.

Quoting police sources, *The Sun* newspaper said Saturday that valuable information had been unearthed during the interrogation of the suspects. Police also said they had recovered a large quantity of documentary evidence revealing the activities of the banned "Liberation Tigers" movement, said to have been responsible for killing over 20 policemen, and for several bank robberies.

The documents, all said to be in Tamil, were also claimed to reveal financial dealings of the movement after bank robberies. Police said they thought the documents would help in unraveling how stolen gold jewelry was melted down and gold bars disposed of after robberies.

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Militant gunned down**Renewed Irish feuding feared**

BELFAST, Jan. 30 (AP) — Police hinted Saturday at a possible outbreak of feuding among Protestant paramilitaries who they said were keeping "an open mind" on who killed a top Protestant militant.

A caller to a local radio station claimed guerrillas of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a splinter group of the mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republic Army (IRA), were responsible for gunning down John McKeague, 51, as he served behind the counter of his east Belfast store Friday night.

A press officer at Belfast police headquarters said the caller correctly gave a secret code-word used to identify INLA. But the spokesman, who in accordance with British practice, declined to be named, said that despite the call, "we are keeping an open mind."

The London Times said the murder "renewed fears in the province of upheavals

between Protestant paramilitary groups." McKeague, a former chairman of the Shankill Defense Association, was identified by the respected London Daily Telegraph as leader of the Red Hand Commandos, one of Northern Ireland's most feared Protestant terrorist groups, but this could not be confirmed. The police spokesman said a teenage youth produced a handgun in the store and shot McKeague twice in the head at point blank range. The gunman fled on foot.

McKeague was a bitter opponent of the IRA and its fight to end British rule in Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland and reunite it with the overwhelming Catholic Irish Republic to the south under Socialist rule. But he was reported to have made enemies on both sides of northern Ireland.

Loyalist supporters said he also was a prominent member of the outlawed Protestant paramilitary group the Ulster Volunteer

Force, but he had denied this. The Shankill Defense Association, of which he was chairman, was a forerunner of the Ulster Defense Association, currently the province's largest Protestant militant grouping.

In 1971, he was one of the first to be charged under the Incitement to Hatred Act after he and two others published a loyalist songbook. His first trial ended in a hung jury, a second in acquittal.

In 1972, McKeague helped organize the Protestant-inspired Ulster workers' council strike, which brought down Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic power-sharing executive council. Since then, the province has been ruled directly from London. The Neighborhood Grocery-and-Notions Store where he was slain was the scene of an arson attack in 1971 that claimed the life of his 65-year-old mother, Isabella, who lived in the apartment above.

Amid major Viet sweep**Thailand sends troops to Cambodia border**

BANGKOK, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Thailand has sent fresh troops backed up with armored cars to the Cambodian border amid fierce fighting between Vietnamese-led forces and Khmer Rouge men in the extreme west of Cambodia.

Field reports reaching here said the rival forces were battling heavily in the Cardamoms for the second consecutive day and some 30,000 Khmer Rouge dependents were massing at a border canal, apparently in readiness to flee into Thailand. The fighting followed discovery by the Thai military of a Vietnamese buildup with troops and hardware being sent to the border area from the northwestern Cambodian province of Battambang.

Thai military sources said Thailand Friday afternoon sent up two F-5A fighters as fighting raged at about 40 kms south of the key Cambodian border town of Poipet, adjacent to Thailand's Aranyaprathet district. Thai villagers in the border village of Tap Prik have round-the-clock patrol units amid reports

Sino-Vietnamese talks urged

HANOI, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The Vietnamese government Saturday called on China for a resumption of the Sino-Vietnamese talks interrupted nearly two years ago and for an end to the armed clashes on the border between the two countries.

A note sent to Peking by the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry suggested that the negotiations, "which were unilaterally interrupted by China in March, 1980, resume as rapidly as possible" in order to "maintain peace and stability on the border and to discuss matters of interest to both countries."

The third round of talks should begin in the

that Khmer Rouge dependents are building rafts for a possible dash across the Prom-mahod Canal into Thailand.

The Khmer Rouge, with some 30,000 guerrillas largely based in the Phnom Malai hills in the Cardamom range, were believed to have initiated the current struggle. But Vietnam, with an occupation force of between 150,000 and 200,000 troops in the war-torn state, is expected to launch a major sweep against the guerrillas as the dry season facilitates mobilization of bulky hardware.

The Thai Navy early this week reported a naval buildup near the Cambodian island of Koh Kong in what was seen as a related move.

Meanwhile, the Khmer Rouge leadership Saturday called for the total support of all Cambodians, claiming it was the country's only anti-Vietnamese resistance force and the only one capable of "protecting the Khmer nation."

The appeal, broadcast on Radio Khmer Rouge and monitored in Bangkok, came

first half of this year, the ministry said. It left the choice of place — Hanoi or Peking — to the Chinese. Earlier Saturday, China's People's Daily accused the Vietnamese of "armed provocations" on their common border between Jan. 18 and 28 and listed 14 such incidents in the Guangxi province and 16 in the Yunnan province. The clashes left one Chinese dead and three wounded, the daily said.

China had rejected a unilateral Vietnamese 10-day truce between Jan. 20 and 29, charging that Hanoi's offer was "hypocritical."

in the wake of the Khmer Rouge refusal to form a "flexible coalition" with the other Cambodian resistance group led by former President Prince Norodom Sihanouk and former Premier Son Sann.

Sihanouk and Sann had both agreed to the coalition with the Khmer Rouge while dissociating themselves from that Organization's "Democratic Kampuchea" regime responsible for the massacre of its political opponents while in power between 1975 and 1979. "All nationalist Khmers of all classes must unite in a single national front to fight against the Vietnamese enemy," the radio said.

"The revolutionary forces, under the leadership of the Democratic Kampuchea regime are constantly advancing in all Cambodian provinces," added the broadcast. Vietnam has kept a 200,000-man expeditionary force in Cambodia for the past three years.

In another development, the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government Saturday accused the United States of "reactivating" tension in the Indian Ocean region. A commentary carried by the state news agency SPK, monitored here, claimed that the United States had "multiplied" military activities from its naval base at Diego Garcia, in the British Indian Ocean territory.

The commentary described the "Bright Star" exercises last November as a threat to countries in the region, a bid to "deepen" differences and facilitate U.S. "expansionist" ambitions. The commentary noted that U.S. agreements with Somalia, Kenya and Oman had enabled the opening of U.S. military bases in these countries. All these maneuvers were aimed at "denormalizing" the regional situation, troubling peace, and exploiting natural resources, it charged.

Reagan home sold for \$1.9m

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's three-bedroom Californian home, on offer for \$1.9 million, has been sold but the estate agents refuse to name the buyer or the price.

The house, with a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean, two servants' rooms and a film projector concealed in a dining room cupboard, cost the Reagans \$108,000 nearly 25 years ago. He put it up for sale when he became president a year ago. "We are honoring the buyer's request and right to privacy and neither the terms of the sale nor the buyer's name will be disclosed," a spokesman for the estate agents said.

A group of investors agreed earlier this month to pay \$1.9 million for the house but the deal fell through when Justin Dart, a longtime friend of Reagan, was quoted in The Los Angeles Times as saying the house was overpriced.

Estate agent John Saunders said he offered to buy the house for \$1.5 million — plus \$1.5 million trading stamps which had to be stuck into books before they could be redeemed. Reagan will keep his ranchhouse near Santa Barbara, 145 kms north of here.

Sabotage bid suspected**U.S. families evacuated from Thai drug war site**

BANGKOK, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The U.S. Consulate in the northern capital of Chiang Mai has evacuated women and children to Bangkok amid an alert for possible sabotage attempts by Burmese rebels loyal to opium warlord Khun Sa. Thai official sources said about 10 U.S. families were involved in the "temporary" move which came with increased security at the consulate.

The U.S. consulate general, Paul Bennett, remained in the northern capital where the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) maintains a presence, the officials affirmed. The move came after Thai governors in the northern provinces had been instructed to beef up security measures at government buildings and other strategic centers in an alert for possible sabotage attempts by the rebels.

The instructions were sent out after followers of the opium warlord hit a police station in a border district, killing six persons, five of them civilians. The U.S. move comes amid reports, categorically denied by the Thai government, that the suppression drive against Khun Sa was made under pressure

from Washington.

United States gives about \$2 million a year to Thai narcotics suppression efforts and DEA officials have described Khun Sa, also known as Chang Chee-Fu, their "enemy No. 1." The stocky 48-year-old Chinese is said to control about 70 percent of the narcotics flow from the "golden triangle", a tri-border area linking Thailand, Burma and Laos. His whereabouts remain a mystery though about 200 of his alleged sympathizers have been captured.

Thai government force took Khun Sa's stronghold at Ban Hin Teak in the northernmost province of Chiang Rai nine days ago. Thai officials say the rebels have lost 82 dead against government casualties of 17 dead and over 40 wounded in the so-called "opium war" whose major battles were fought the first day. Fresh Thai government troops have moved into the fallen stronghold of the so-called Shan United Army (SUA), said to be a force of about 3,000-strong.

The rebels are reported to have called in reinforcements but Thai authorities are bracing for more diversionary strikes rather than a bid to retake their bastion. A 200-strong rebel force Friday overpowered a remote Thai border outpost and stripped defenders of their weapons in a bloodless coup. A day earlier, they set fire to five vehicles.

Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda, who ordered the suppression drive, has maintained that it is an all-Thai effort to save the country's reputation and rid the world of "an international criminal." Thailand is to attend a conference opening in Geneva Tuesday of the United Nations Commission on Narcotics, an annual event that will discuss funds for drug suppression.

Strafed tanker returns to Japan

KOBE, Japan, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Japanese chemical tanker Hegg, which was strafed by Philippine military aircraft off Mindanao Jan. 15, sailed into this southwestern Japanese port Saturday from Pusan, South Korea.

The vessel, now cleared of suspicion of carrying arms for Philippine rebels, is to leave here for a dockyard in Ehime, southwestern Japan, for repairs Sunday after unloading 3,340 tons of Meihanol. Kobe port authority said, Meanwhile, the Japanese Foreign Ministry has altered its earlier position that the Japanese tanker was on high seas when it was strafed by Philippine Air Force fighters.

Ministry officials said both the point where the Philippine authorities claimed they ordered the vessel to stop and another point where the ship was fired upon were in fact inside the 12-mile territorial waters of the Philippines.

BRIEFS

LISBON, (AFP) — United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig will make an official two-day visit to Portugal on Feb. 10, press reports said here Saturday. Haig will meet President Antonio Ramalho Eanes, and have talks with Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão, and other government leaders. Also expected in Lisbon is North Atlantic Treaty Organization Secretary-General Joseph Luns, on May 25, the reports said.

OMAHA, Nebraska, (AFP) — An Omaha man was sentenced Friday to two years in prison for having threatened to kill President Ronald Reagan. Gayland Prince, 31, was arrested last July after threatening Reagan's life in a telephone call to Omaha police, it was said.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Palden Thondup Namgyal, the deposed king of Sikkim who had been undergoing cancer treatment in New York city, has died at age 58. The king died Friday night of complications following an operation at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. A family spokesman said his body will be flown to Sikkim for funeral.




DACCA, (AFP) — President Abdul Sattar Friday convened the Bangladesh parliament in winter session on Feb. 15, ending a long break which began last July soon after the assassination of the late President Ziaur Rahman. The session will be held at the parliament building opened Friday by the new president.

LOME, Togo, (AP) — Firing lasting more than an hour broke out Thursday at the

headquarters of Ghana's ruling National Provisional Council of Defense headed by Capt. Jerry Rawlings, travelers from Accra arriving in neighboring Togo said Friday. The travelers also said there were demonstrations in the Ghanaian capital Thursday afternoon in front of several foreign embassies and that an American flag was burned in front of the U.S. installation.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Supreme Soviet of the USSR has canceled the citizenship of two women now living in West Germany on grounds that they went in for "activities hostile to the USSR," it was announced here Saturday in the government gazette. Elena Ulmann, a 35-year-old native of Tashkent, and 35-year-old Ludmila Mussigmann of Moscow, were also judged to have "slandered the dignity of the Soviet citizen," under the denaturalization decree issued by the Supreme Soviet on Jan. 13.

LLAY LLAY, Chile (AFP) — At least 12 persons were killed and 60 injured early Saturday when two buses carried into a 30-meter deep ravine near Llay Llay, 80 kms northeast of Santiago, police said here. But police indicated the accident toll could be higher as both buses were full of holidaymakers bound for the beach when the accident occurred. The two buses were rounding a bend when the brakes of the second bus gave way, causing it to slam full speed into the bus ahead, edging it into the ravine before the second bus too hurtled over the road edge.

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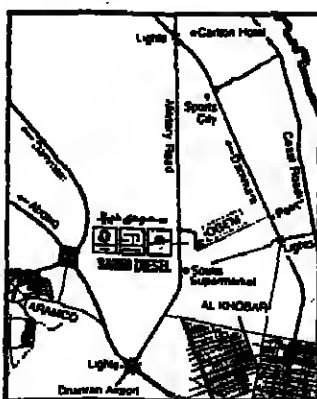
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Bowing to West's demand

Japan eases non-tariff barriers

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The Japanese government Saturday announced a package of measures to ease and simplify import-testing and other non-tariff trade barriers in a major move toward allowing greater market access to foreign goods.

The wide-ranging package, adopted at a special meeting of top government aides and leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) emerged from more than a month of intensive study following complaints by foreign governments that the Japanese market is not sufficiently open to imports.

The United States, the European Economic Community and other Japanese trade partners have presented the Japanese government with 99 specific cases in which they felt their imports into this country are being deterred.

A government spokesman said that Japan will ease or remove 67 of such non-tariff barriers "as swiftly as possible." He also said that further consideration will be made on nine other demands.

The government found 15 others to be "based on misunderstanding" on the part of the foreign governments and decided that the remaining eight will "remain as they are."

The package also called for establishing an "office of trade ombudsman" to handle foreign businessmen's trade grievances, the spokesman added.

Saturday's package followed the government decision last month to cut tariffs on 1,600 items two years ahead of schedule. Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki told reporters that the measures just announced would "prove fairly effective" in easing Japan's economic friction with its trading partners, particularly the United States and the EEC nations.

"I think we've done a fairly good job. No other countries can do this much," said a confident Suzuki. However, minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Shintaro Abe was not so confident as the prime minister.

Abe said that he did not think the solution of problems of non-tariff barriers would ease Japan's trade friction. He also said that he would press for continued study of additional steps, including import liberalization for some of the 27 items still subject to "friction", or expansion of quotas for others. Prime Minister Suzuki chimed in saying he would send former MITI Minister Masumi Esaki to the U.S. and Europe on a mission to explain the package.

The 67 non-tariff barriers to be eased or removed cover a wide range of products, including motor vehicles, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, electrical appliances, farm implements, sporting goods, chemicals and food additives. In fact, the package involves partial revisions of 24 domestic laws and regulations coming under the jurisdiction of nine different government offices.

Specific improvements will take the form of making Japanese standards in line with international ones, accepting foreign testing results, clarifying and quantifying standards and simplifying import testing procedures. For example, U.S.-made aerosol spray cans for cosmetics, whose wall is 0.015 millimeters thinner than the Japanese standard, will now be allowed in. Foreign made metallic baseball bats and tennis balls will now be accepted at official competitions held in Japan.

Government officials said that as to the nine non-tariff barriers, of which further consideration is to be made, conclusions would be reached by the end of March, or the end of this fiscal year. The new office of trade ombudsman, to be created within the economic planning agency, will be headed by a deputy chief cabinet secretary to ensure easy access to the prime minister, they said.

Wall Street

Silver lining flickers on economic horizon

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP) — Some scattered signs of an improving economic outlook have appeared in recent days, but Wall Street analysts remain highly skeptical about the prospects for a sustained recovery in the United States any time soon.

The U.S. government reported Thursday that the index of leading economic indicators rose 0.6 percent in December. It was the first increase in the index which is designed to function as a kind of economic crystal ball, since last July.

Officials in the Reagan administration said the figure reinforced their hopes for a business upturn beginning in the spring. Malcolm Baldrige, the secretary of commerce, called it "welcome news."

The stock market, which itself is widely regarded as an indicator of the future course of the economy, meanwhile staged its first rally of any consequence in almost two months.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, off almost 30 points in the first three trading weeks of the year, rebounded 26.07 to 871.10. The New York stock exchange composite index rose 2.61 to 69.39, and the American stock exchange market value index gained 9.75 to 295.66. Big Board Volume averaged 55.64 million shares a day, against 46.37 million the week before.

In the eyes of the doubters, there are two

formidable obstacles in the path of any early economic recovery — the gaping federal budget deficit and high interest rates. The government's heavy borrowing requirements — a record \$41.25 billion in the January-March quarter — are swallowing up large amounts of capital, while the economy remains weak, analysts say, there is relatively little competition for these funds from the private sector.

But as soon as any recovery begins, demand for money would presumably increase, pushing interest rates upward and creating new strains on the bond market. Industrial production, down 7 percent from its 1981 high, will fall for at least another six months, economists S. Jay Levy and David A. Levy said in the current issue of their letter *Industry Forecasts*.

"Retail sales will be increasingly affected by declining employment. The sharp drop in corporate profits will continue. No help for the economy is in sight until July 1 when personal income taxes are scheduled to decrease 10 percent."

The bond market's problems by themselves represent a stumbling block for the stock market, for a couple of reasons. High long-term interest rates spell trouble for any industry — housing, to cite one prominent example — that depends on abundant supplies of credit.

"In addition to the negative economic

implications of high interest rates, these returns offer stiff competition for equities as the investment of preference," said James G. Joyce, director of research at Tucker, Anthony and R.L. Day Inc.

Since investors, notably large institutions, are faced with a constant choice between stocks and bonds, many Wall Street analysts keep a regular watch on what they call the "bond-stock yield spread." This measure of the disparity between yields offered by the two classes of securities has been much wider than usual for the past couple of years as bond yields soared to record highs.

As of late January, according to Standard and Poor's Corp.'s "the outlook," bond yields were close to 16 percent, and stock yields averaged about 6 percent, for a spread of nearly 10 percentage points. Short-term treasury bills, regarded as one of the safest and most liquid investments available anywhere, now offer returns in the 12 1/2-13 1/2 percent range, or more than double the average yield on stocks.

Of course stocks are often bought more for capital gains potential than for dividends. But when an investor thinks in terms of "total return," as most professional money managers do, a yield spread as wide as the current one is considered a distinct negative for the stock market. Concluded Joyce: "A bond market recovery can get under way."

U.S. asks farmers to cut output

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (R) — American farmers, who harvested record crops last year, were asked by the government to sow less land in an effort to reduce surpluses and bolster prices.

Agriculture Secretary John Block told farmers to plant less if they wanted certain government benefits. Farmers who grow maize, oats, sorghum and barley can reduce plantings 10 percent while wheat, rice and cotton growers can leave 15 percent of their land idle.

In return, they will become eligible for benefits such as government loans. Block initially opposed having to tell farmers to leave part of their land idle because it contradicted President Reagan's free-market philosophy.

He changed his mind after last year's bumper harvest caused a slump in prices. Block told a news conference in Kansas City, center of a major wheat-growing area, that a cut in output would cause grain prices to firm while the effect to consumers would be "negligible."

India's inflation drops to 5.3%

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (AFP) — India's annual inflation rate has dropped to an all-time low of 5.3 percent, official statistics for the week ending Jan. 16 indicated Saturday.

This compared with an annual inflation rate of over 16 percent for the corresponding week of 1981, while inflation for the current financial year is even lower so far at 3.2 percent.

The all-commodities wholesale index for the week ending Jan. 16 reached 278.7. The index for food articles declined by 0.6 percent, pulses by 1.4 percent and foodgrains by 0.1 percent. But cereals rose 0.3 percent.

The food products category on the whole registered a fall of 0.7 percent with its important constituents like sugar and edible oils dropping by one percent and 0.5 percent respectively.

ICCO okays hike in export levy

LONDON, Jan. 30 (R) — The International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) has approved an increase in the levy paid on exports by its members, paving the way for acceptance of large loans from Brazilian banks to help stabilize world prices, ICCO delegates have said.

Money raised through the levy goes to the manager of the Cocoa buffer stock, Juergen Plambeck of West Germany, who aims to keep prices between 110 and 150 cents a pound by buying when supplies are plentiful or selling at times of shortages.

But with cocoa readily available, and market prices currently down to about 100 cents a pound (220 cents a kg), Plambeck's funds are fast running out.

Three banks in Brazil, the world's second largest producer of cocoa, offered to lend him \$75 million if the levy were doubled to two cents to provide backing for the loans and the delegates said an ICCO council meeting in London had approved the rise, to take effect Oct. 1. The banks also said they would advance \$120 million if the levy were increased to three cents, and the delegates said this would be considered at the next council meeting from March 15 to 19.

Ex-Nixon aide faces fraud charge

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The Italian government has filed suit against David Kennedy, a treasury secretary during the administration of former President Richard Nixon, for allegedly participating in a \$27.1 million fraud of Milan's Banca Privata Italiana.

Kennedy, now an official in the Mormon Church, which is based in Salt Lake City,

Indonesia gets \$225m U.K. loan

JAKARTA, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Britain has agreed to extend a \$225 million loan to Indonesia to finance expansion of an oil refinery in Balikpapan, East Borneo, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington announced here Saturday.

He said the loan would be in the form of an export credit and added that about 100 British companies would supply the necessary equipment for the expansion program.

Philippines economy weathers the storm

MANILA, Jan. 30 (Depnews) — The Philippine economy underwent a severe test last year and emerged badly shaken but definitely not out.

The scars of the battle are still there. Its gross national product (GNP) grew in real terms by a mere 4.7 percent in 1981, "admittedly the lowest in the five-year development plan (1978-82)." At the same time, the country's export earnings plunged while its trade deficit rose as did interest payments on foreign loans. The Philippine peso likewise deteriorated against the U.S. dollar, clearly manifesting its weakened external position.

"The year just past literally put to test the essential strength of the Philippine economy and the flexibility of the financial system," Central Bank Governor Jaime Laya told President Marcos in a 14-page preliminary report on the country's economy performance. But in Laya's reckoning, the economy passed the severe test "creditably." The major economic indicators showed gains in some areas despite "hostile influences of the external environment and dislocative incidents in the internal financial scene."

Even the growth of GNP — the sum total of the country's goods and services produced — was "appreciable," insisted Laya, especially when viewed against the "economic dislocations of the period." The 1978-82 development plan originally set the overall economic growth targets at 7.5 percent for 1979 and 1980, then rising to 8 percent for 1981 and 1982.

19.9% increase over 1980
Seoul exports rise to \$20b

SEOUL, Jan. 30 (AFP) — South Korea's commodity exports last year amounted to \$20.9 billion, up 19.9 percent over 1980, with fiber-textile products representing 29.5 percent or \$6.1 billion, the semi-official Korea Traders Association (KTA) reported Saturday.

Iron-steel products were the next most important export item accounting for 11.2 percent of total exports, and amounting to \$2.3 billion.

According to KTA, other leading export items were: electronics products \$2.2 billion (10.6 percent) — ships \$1.4 billion (6.7 percent) — footwear \$1.04 billion (5.0 percent) — metal products \$981 million (4.7 percent) — synthetic resin products \$605 million (2.9 percent) — auto tires \$459 million (2.2 percent) — fish \$428 million (2.0 percent) — plywood \$392 million (1.9 percent).

Country-wise, the United States remained South Korea's top export market, taking in 26.5 percent of South Korea's total exports

last year, followed by Japan with 16.4 percent.

South Korea's ten leading buyers last year were the following (figures in million dollars): the United States: \$5,561, up 20.7 percent over the previous year; Japan: \$3,444, up 13.3 percent; Hong Kong: 1,151, up 39.8 percent; Saudi Arabia: 1,074, up 13.5 percent; West Germany: \$803, down 8.3 percent; Britain: 702, up 22.7 percent; Libya 586, up 236.8 percent; Canada: 482, up 40.4 percent; France: 398, up 36.8 percent; Indonesia: 365, down 0.2 percent.

Area-wise, South Korea's exports to Latin America rose sharply by 64.2 percent last year to \$808 million, followed by a 26.2 percent increase to \$3.2 billion in the Middle-East. Exports to Oceania and Africa rose by 27.5 percent and 26.9 percent respectively, amounting to \$359 million and \$580 million each. Exports to Southeast Asia increased by 18.3 percent to \$3.06 billion.

Argentina to slash spending

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 30 (R) — Argentina's economy minister says the military government plans sharp spending cuts this year and will sell many state-owned companies as part of an economic program that aims to bring inflation to under 100 percent.

A stiff dose of austerity is seen as necessary by Robert Alemann to deal with recession, high unemployment and inflation now running at 131 percent. Alemann told Reuters in an interview that his work is to cut the government's massive budget deficit.

He said that the 1982 budget, now being prepared, would sharply cut spending on social welfare and public works while the armed forces, which have undertaken massive arms buildup since they overthrew President Maria Estela Peron in 1976, would be asked to cut back on equipment purchases.

Alemann said he was also aiming for an export-led economic recovery and he wanted to sell many state-owned companies on the grounds that the private sector could run them better. His denationalization proposals will be presented to President Leopoldo Galtieri by April 3.

Alemann was wary when talking about target for his austerity program and he refused to give a firm projection of inflation, saying that it would be brought down to "well under 100 percent" by the end of the year.

Last year's deficit was 5,850 billion pesos (\$2.58 billion) which has been unofficially estimated at two percent of GDP, the total value of GDP and services produced.

Alemann has said he is also in favor of ending the state's monopoly of the oil industry. However, the proposals raised an uproar from political parties, which have threatened to reverse any major denationalization when the military eventually hands back power to an elected government.

Prague raises prices steeply

PRAGUE, Jan. 30 (AP) — Communist Czechoslovakia announced sharp price increases Friday, including an average 41 percent boost in the cost of meat and a sharp increase in prices of tobacco products.

The state pricing chief, Michal Sabolick, said the price increases were necessary to reduce the country's dependence on imports, the official STK news agency reported.

He said imported food is "putting considerable strain" on Czechoslovakia's balance of trade, and is often used as "a tool of political blackmail." The price hikes follow a poor harvest season for most of Eastern Europe. Poland has announced food price hikes ranging up to 400 percent, and there are reports that Romania plans to increase prices for some foods by more than 100 percent.

China stand on loans defended

PEKING, Jan. 30 (AFP) — A Chinese financial expert has defended Peking's decision to begin borrowing from the private Western credit market, after years of insisting on loan agreements carrying low interest rates.

Lei Renmin, a deputy director of the China International Trust and Investment Corporation, was Saturday quoted by the English-language *China Daily* newspaper as saying the "Chinese should be more clever than the capitalists" in benefiting from the relatively high-interest bank loans.

Lei's statement was linked with an announcement that his organization had signed a loan agreement with Japanese banks and brokerage firms for a floating of bonds and certificates amounting to 10 thousand million yen (\$4.4 million), at an interest rate of 8.7 percent.

That move was considered to be a major departure from traditional Chinese policy in the area of loans. Until now, China has insisted on borrowing at low interest rates. Lei explained the move at a recent conference during the annual meeting of the China Finance Society, of which he is a vice president. He noted that the commercial loans, unlike low-interest loans from world organizations, do not have conditions or restrictions.

result, Laya said, import payments rose from \$6.379 billion to only about \$6.985 billion "mainly because of the higher oil bill for 1981."

About 25 percent of the export earnings — \$1,102 billion — also went to interest payments on loans. This meant a 10 percent jump from the 15 percent of 1980 due to the expansion in foreign borrowing and the increase in interest rates in the international capital market, Laya said. The country's trade gap was also indicated by the deterioration in the peso-dollar exchange rate, according to the report. However, the peso weakening was described only as "moderate" in the light of worldwide deterioration of major currencies against the U.S. dollar.

A mitigating factor eased somewhat the country's yawning overall balance of payments problem. This came in the form of substantial gains in remittances of Filipino overseas workers. "This is brought the overall deficit in the country's foreign exchange transactions to \$560 million which is 47 percent higher than the \$331 million shortfall in 1980," Laya said.

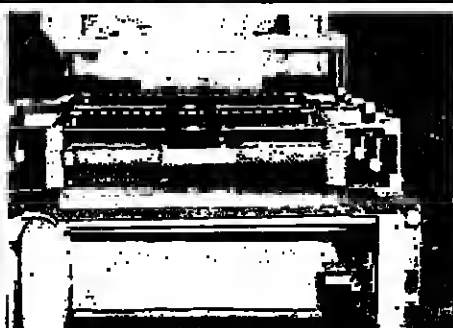
On external debts, Laya revealed that as of 1981, these stood at a staggering \$15.835 billion. The figure exceeded by \$3,134 billion the 1980 level. Over half of the total, he explained, was for the public sector which further accelerated its borrowing program to "sustain expenditures for development projects and to replenish its lending fund for private borrowers."



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Meat consumption in the Kingdom has risen dramatically as a result of the growing population. A government review of meat prices also could lead to a reduction in prices for various types of meat. *Ahmed Kamal Khawro* in Jeddah, and *Scott Pendleton* and *Jarid Hassan* in Riyadh outline government and commercial outlooks on current trends in the area of meat consumption. Page 18



An Italian company has been pointed out as being involved in five cases of supplying substandard machinery to bakeries in the Kingdom. The Commerce Ministry looks at the infraction seriously enough to consider severe action if the problem is not taken care of. *Jarid Hassan* talked to officials and filed a report on views of officials concerning the case and how it can be resolved. Page 15.



The thobe industry cannot be classified according to modern standards since it reflects the traditional business methods of the country. However, one thobe manufacturer is trying to introduce modern management methods to industrialize the thobe business. *Alan Kennedy* provides a glance into the issue. Page 33.

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To bolster growth

IMF chief urges wage freeze

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP) — Wages must be held down so as to increase profits and growth, Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, told an audience of government and business leaders Saturday.

He said an important reason to restrain wage increases was the rise of oil prices in the late 1970s. De Larosiere pointed to Japan as an example of a country that tailored its wage settlements to what he called "the necessities created by the oil price increases."

His speech, made available in advance at IMF headquarters in Washington, was prepared for delivery at a meeting of the European Management Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

De Larosiere said there was a "virtual explosion" of wages, particularly in Europe,

between 1969 and 1975. He did not mention the United States, where in recent years real wages — wages minus inflation — have been going down.

"The restoration of adequate profit margins — to provide the incentive and the resources for growth — clearly requires that real wage increases be kept below production gains for some time to come," he said.

He attacked the practice of linking wage increases to price increases, which he called "a many-headed evil." He asked "how can corrective adjustments be made in the prices charged by public enterprises or utilities — or how can higher oil import prices be passed through — if they only trigger a further round of wage increases."

De Larosiere recalled that at the time of the first "oil shock" in 1974, Japan tried to let

wages rise anyhow — adding to the inflationary effect.

"The lesson was not forgotten," he said. "The present consensus involves a willingness to share the adverse real income effect, arising out of the oil price increase, so as to allow an adequate level of profit. This, in turn, has allowed industry to finance the investment needed to adapt to the new energy environment."

De Larosiere also criticized the expansion of welfare and of social securities taxes, and of high rates of tax on the top layer of earnings. High tax rates, he said, have weakened incentives to work and discouraged saving.

He attacked protectionism and said maintaining an open international trading system would bring higher real incomes to both industrial and developing countries.

Kuwait's oil output slumps

KUWAIT, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Kuwait's oil production has dropped to 600,000 barrels a day, its lowest level ever, according to local press reports Saturday quoting a high official at the Kuwaiti Oil Ministry.

The official, who refused to be identified, blamed "the depressed state of the world oil market" which, he said, was making it difficult for this country "to market all its officially declared target production of 1.5 million barrels a day."

India banks fund ratio termed poor

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Foreign banks sharing business with their counterparts in India are gradually getting uneasy over their partners' low capital base, the *Financial Express* daily said Saturday.

The issue came up to the 'fope recently when Japanese shipyard insisted on guarantees by British or American banks in preference to Indian banks. One or two multinational companies had raised similar objections earlier, the *Express* said.

Among the Indian banks, the State Bank of India (SBI) alone has tried to improve the ratio of capital funds and reserves to the liabilities in an appropriate way.

For the state-owned SBI, the crucial ratio now is 2.17 percent. Every year the bank transfers huge amounts, sometimes up to 200 million rupees (\$22 million) to the visible part of its capital structure, the paper said.

For all other Indian banks, the ratio ranges from a bare 0.50 percent to 1.35 percent. In one case it is as poor as 0.22 percent, the paper said, without naming the bank.

Polish trade with Comecon hit

VIENNA, Jan. 30, (R) — Poland's economic crisis is hampering negotiations on trade agreements this year with some of its partners in the Communist trading bloc Comecon, a Polish official said.

Poland will also continue to run a deficit on trade with its Communist allies in 1982, Helmut Floyd, a department director in the Foreign Trade Ministry, said Friday in an interview with Warsaw Radio.

"The main difficulties are in negotiations with East Germany and Hungary, because serious changes in trade from previous agreements require renewed negotiations and approval," he said. But Floyd added that Poland had already signed trade agreements with Romania and Czechoslovakia as well as some members of Comecon outside Europe.

Eastern Europe plans its trade on an intricate network of interlocking bartering contracts, and Poland's inability to pay for some goods and deliver others has disrupted trade throughout the bloc.

Malaysia plans to form tin group

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 30 (AP) — Malaysia has initiated a move for tin producing countries of the world to form a group to protect their interests, Deputy Prime Minister Musa Hitam said Saturday.

The minister did not call such a group a cartel and observers said that any such group could have only limited effect because unlike oil there are easy substitutes for tin available in the world. They also pointed out that the United States alone had some 27,000 tons of tin in its stockpile and this alone mounted to more than three years of the entire production of Malaysia, which is the largest tin producer in the world, with about 40 percent of the total output.

The other major tin producers are Indonesia, Thailand and Bolivia and all have been highly critical of the United States selling tin from its stockpile in the international market since December. They claim such sales were depressing prices.

Poland's trade with members and associates of Comecon, excluding the Soviet Union, fell nearly eight percent in 1981 and Polish exports to these countries were about five percent less than planned, Floyd said.

He forecast Poland would import about 200 million roubles (\$240 million) of goods from these countries in 1982, and that imports would exceed exports.

The central statistics office in Warsaw has just announced that Poland's trade deficit with Communist countries more than doubled to \$2.73 billion in 1981. The deficit with the Soviet Union alone accounted for \$2.1 billion.

Earlier this month, Warsaw and Moscow signed a trade protocol which includes a 2.7 billion rouble (\$3.4 billion) from the Soviet Union to Poland on easy terms. At the time Warsaw Radio said Soviet-Polish trade this year was expected to total 8.4 billion roubles (\$12.6 billion) with a Polish deficit of 1.2 billion roubles (\$1.8 billion).

Musa Hitam told a press conference that "we have started to exchange views with Indonesia over the proposed move (to form a group) and have plans to consult the leading producing countries, including Bolivia and Thailand."

"We feel that we have been let down by certain industrialized countries, particularly the United States, with regard to the dumping of tin without consideration for problems faced by producing countries," he said.

Musa Hitam said when he was the primary industries minister, he had managed to persuade the U.S. to join the 5th International Tin Agreement (ITA), but now Washington had refused to take part in the 6th ITA to be launched in July this year.

Firms flouting EEC rules face stern action

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30 (R) — A Dutch official who has already angered many companies by taking a tough line against illegal commercial practices in the European Economic Community (EEC) says he is stepping up his campaign.

In the first year since EEC competition commissioner Frans Andriessen was appointed, record fines totaling some \$5.5 million have been imposed on companies flouting EEC rules.

While some of the companies involved say they are taking their cases to the European Court of Justice, an unrepentant Andriessen says he is going to pursue the campaign with increasing severity.

"We are determined to show that the commission is not a paper tiger and that it will systematically impose fines where competition rules are infringed," he told Reuters. EEC treaties stipulate that any actions by EEC companies that appear to distort fair competition, such as price fixing or abuse of a dominant market position, may be subject to fines by the commission.

Among the firms fined in the year since Andriessen took office are the French tyre company Michelin, the French Moet-Hennessy and the West German electrical company Aeg Telefunken. Nine companies have been fined and six more obliged to change their business practices.

Andriessen, a 52-year-old former Dutch finance minister, said the fines imposed since he came to the commission had been consistently higher than in the past. "I was impressed by the fact that there were a lot of infringements (of competition rules) among companies and I wanted to make the fines high enough to act as a deterrent," he said.

The fine imposed on Moet-Hennessy and Aeg Telefunken both exceeded \$1 million. Before Andriessen took office fines were

Japan to hike production of vehicles

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (R) — Japan's car makers say they plan produce even more vehicles this year. Despite a slump gripping their American and West European rivals.

Production plans announced so far all 11 Japanese manufacturers show they combined output will rise to record 11.69 million vehicles this year from 11.18 million in 1981.

Projected exports of completed vehicles this year will rise only one percent to 6.11 million after a 1.3 percent increase last year, due to continued voluntary curbs on Japanese car exports to the U.S. and Western Europe, according to their plans.

But the Japanese plan to increase exports of vehicles in kit form for local assembly by 25 percent to 689,000 this year, they said. Their 1982 domestic sales will rise 8.9 percent to 5.58 million after a 2.2 percent 1981 increase, as Japanese manufacturers will make a major effort in domestic sales.

French farmers on the warpath

PARIS, Jan. 30 (R) — Militant French farmers, preparing for the annual battle over West European farm prices, have issued thinly-veiled threats that a war of words could soon flare into a more active protest.

Over the past 20 years, the farmers have fought pitched battles with police, pelted ministers with rotten fruit, dumped heaps of manure outside government offices and strewn broken glass on the roads.

This has coincided with the European Economic Community (EEC's) ministerial talks for the fixing of guaranteed prices for its six million farmers.

The French, with a deep-rooted tradition of small farms, have powerful farming lobby which the politicians cannot ignore. This year their anger and frustration is heightened by a dispute with France's new Socialist government and its first woman agriculture minister, Edith Cresson.

Effigies of Mrs. Cresson, the most prominent woman minister in the cabinet, have been burned and protesting farmers dressed up a Normandy cow and paraded it around the courtyard of the agriculture ministry.

Farmers' leader Francois Guillaume has accused Mrs. Cresson of indecision and laziness and she has been jostled by angry farmers during tours of the provinces.

Guillaume told reporters that is National Federation of Farmers (FNSEA), the most powerful French farm lobby group, would organize large scale demonstrations if the EEC negotiations were not successful.

rarely more than \$500,000 and the imposition of nine fines in a single year is unprecedented. The commissioner said he was convinced that the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg would support the fines.

"Our cases are good ones," he commented. The offences picked out by the commission for the imposition of fines vary greatly but Andriessen said he was trying to concentrate on cases which reflected widespread practices. "The goal we are working toward is the elimination of the need to fine any firms. Our action must be exemplary," he said.

Michelin was fined for giving fidelity rebates to Dutch clients, a practice which the commission said was illegal. The commission said the rebates were being used to squeeze competitors out of a market in which the company already had a 60 percent share.

Michelin denied the charge and has said it will take the matter to court. Moet-Hennessy was fined because its British subsidiary, Moet et Chandon (London), was issuing contracts banning the sale of its product outside Britain. The commission said this constituted a barrier to the free movement of goods in the EEC. Swedish camera manufacturer Victor Hasselblad was fined about \$600,000 for operating a sales network in the EEC involving similar export prohibitions.

The commission said the company, and its EEC distributors, had operated a system which effectively hindered its products within the EEC to maintain differing price levels in member states. This was not the first time imposed on a company from outside the community selling within the EEC, though such action has been rare in the past.

Andriessen said Michelin's abuse of rebates, combined with a dominant market position, and the export bans used by the other to companies exemplified the sort of

Financial Roundup

Dollar, riyal rates surge

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 30 — The American dollar closed on a strong note in New York Friday night. This was precipitated by the release of the U.S. money supply figures which showed a much smaller than anticipated fall of \$600 million for the past reporting week. The effects were immediate in an already nervous money market. Eurodollar interest rates rose by between 1/8 to 1/4 percent in most tenors, with largest rises coming in the long periods. Federal Reserve "Fed Funds" rates also rose to close at 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent compared with 13 1/4 percent earlier Tuesday.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices ceased with gold dropping back to \$385 levels, knocking some \$5 over Friday European prices. Trading in the bullion markets was reported quiet though as dealers waited to see how the dollar would open next week.

In the local markets, Saturday saw riyal deposit rates notch up further small rises, taking the one-month level to 13 1/2-14 percent after it had opened at 13-13 1/2 percent levels. Short-dated funds also firmed.

In the Eurodollar markets, it was American interest rates that once again dominated the scene. Dollar interest rates had been under pressure on both Wednesday and Thursday after the chairman of the Federal

Reserve Board had indicated that a tough stance would be taken against any further increases in dollar interest rates. This was undermined later by the fact that the massive U.S. federal deficit problem had not been tackled by introducing at least some means of short-term taxation measures.

Interest rates began to rally and were boosted by the money supply news on Friday night. One-month Eurodollar rates reached 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent, but the one-year rate went past the 16 percent, again to trade at 15 1/2-16 1/2 percent levels.

In the local markets, spot riyal/dollar exchange rates opened at 3.4195-05 levels, but gradually firmed by the close of the trading session to reach 3.4200-10. Interbank dealing was restricted to a few deals but commercially demand for the dollar was reported to have been brisker. In the money

markets, Saturday saw a small rise in riyal deposit levels, reversing Wednesday's declines and trading was more active, especially in short-dated funds. Week-fixed is now quoted at 13-14 percent, up over Thursday's 12 1/2-13 1/4 percent. While the one-year rate remained steady at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent, it was the short to medium-dated funds that were most affected by the rises, with, for example, the three-month rate opening at 13 1/4-13 1/2 percent, but closing at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent levels.

Algeria, France to resume gas talks

ALGIERS, Jan. 30 (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson arrived here Friday to conclude negotiations on the price of liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) that Algeria is to sell to France, a reliable source said.

French Embassy officials and Algerian authorities refused to confirm Cheysson's presence in the Algerian capital. The source said Cheysson was to meet with his Algerian counterpart, Mubammad Benyahia, to close the deal. Benyahia returned here from Rome earlier in the day after inconclusive talks on major gas sale to Italy.

If final agreement is reached with France, Algeria will provide 5.1 billion square meters of gas a year for 20 years. On Dec. 20, Cheysson and Benyahia reached a general accord on gas price, but specialists of the two state-owned enterprises involved, Gaz de France and Sonatrach, were to negotiate definitive contract terms before the end of this month. "Final" talks were suspended Tuesday night to allow Sonatrach representatives to consult with Algiers.

France is heavily dependent on imported

energy sources and in 1981, 15 percent of its gas imports came from Algeria. Under the supply contracts signed last year this figure will go up to 23 percent by 1990.

In Rome, Benyahia and Italian officials agreed to postpone to April talks on natural gas sale, following continued disagreement on price.

Italy's state energy corporation ENI signed a deal with Sonatrach in 1973 to build a \$2 million 2,500 kms (1,500 mile) pipeline under the Mediterranean through which ENI was to get an initial 12.3 million cubic meters (430 million cubic feet) of natural gas a year.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Trans.
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	—	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.2
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	28.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	28.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	147.00	146.20	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	133.75	133.35	—
East German Mark (100)	3.50	3.03	—
East German Mark (100)	33.00	33.15	—
French Franc (100)	58.00	57.70	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	57.75	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.35	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	27.50	27.30	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.90	—
Jordanian Dinar	10.00	9.95	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.10	12.04	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	72.25	71.80	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	62.90	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.05	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.95	—
Pound Sterling	6.41	6.39	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	164.85	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.50	—
Swiss Franc (100)	184.50	183.90	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	58.70	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

Selling Price Buying Price
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10 Tolas bar 4,950 3,900
Ounce 1,350 1,210
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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders Na.	Tender Price (\$R)	Closing Date
Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry	Backfilling of swamps in Jazan and establishment of facilities for pumping sea water	89	300	20-2-82
" "	Temporary surfacing in Sharoura and related villages	90	500	22-2-82
" "	Asphalting and lighting of Al-Mukhayyan street in Sharoura	91	500	" "

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON 5TH RABI THANI 1402/30TH JANUARY 1982

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr.
1A	Jolly Oro	Abdullah	Containers/Truck	28-01-82
3	Sofia de Rahmet	S.C.S.A.	Bag Dura	28-01-82
4	Flo De Janeiro	El Hawi	Bundles Timber	29-01-82
7	Barakatullah	O.C.E.	Tin/Thylen	27-01-82
8	Primorja	Attar	Reefers/Rica/Gen.	28-01-82
11	Saudi Ambassador	M.E.S.A.	Containers/Blstr/Ldg. Mts	28-01-82
12	Anangel Prosperity	Gulf	Containers/Blstr/Ldg. Mts	28-01-82
16	San Pedro	Rezyat	Containers	24-01-82
18	Odyssaea	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	29-01-82
19	Pierre L.D.	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	28-01-82
20	Aegle Prida	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	28-01-82
21	Saudi Eagle	M.E.S.A.	Cement/Glucose	27-01-82
22	Alrana	Algasalbi	Poles/Tiles	28-01-82
24	Bora Universal	Star	Bananas	29-01-82
24	Vincenzia	Alreza	C. Food/Stl/Cem/Gen.	01-01-82
25	Caribbean universal	Star	Bananas	26-01-82
26	M. Kalinowski	Attar	Containers/C.I. Pipes/Ganaral/Ldg. Mts	27-01-82
27	Jesenice	Attar	Tobacco/Seeds/Spices	29-01-82
31	Syros	M.T.A.	Reefers	27-01-82
35	Grantonavar	Algasalbi	Containers	29-01-82
38	Haj Anwer	El Hawi	Timber/Plywood	28-01-82
39	Al Shamleh	Kanoo	Containers/Ldg. Mts	29-01-82
39	Rima	Abuhal	Bagged Dura	28-01-82
41	Spilada	Alasade	Reinforce Bars	28-01-82

KING ABDUL AZIZ DAMMAM SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF CHANGES OF THE PAST 24 HOURS:

Br.No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr.Dtd.
1	Ayubia	SEA	Bagged Rice	23-1-82
N-2	Yungfon Lu	Goseibi	Gen./Con.	27-1-82
6	Kasuga Maru	Gulf	Ganaral	28-01-82
13	Atlas Pramir	Gulf	General	25-1-82
15	Ibn Al Athaar	Kanoo	General	27-1-82
17	Mantima Vactor	Alreza	Steel Pipes	06-1-82
18	Meghna	Orri	General	29-1-82
20	No. 1 Hae Duck	Soboksl	General	23-1-82
27	Barber Talif	Barber	Containers	29-1-82
28	Robin Hood	UEP	Barley/Gen	26-1-82
32	Ibn Shuhaid	Kanoo	General	24-1-82
36	Peara Flag	SMC	Cement Silo Vsl	21-1-82
37	Asia Lark (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	27-1-82
38	Ocean Fama (d.b.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	14-1-82

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Mosconica	Kanoo	Containers	29-1-82
Asia Rindo	Goseibi	Steel Product	29-1-82
Mou n Sabana	AET	Containers	28-1-82

Houston wins fame as trade center

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 30 — Phenomenal proportions in terms of domestic and international growth have been reached here in the past 10 years with Houston becoming a land of opportunity in the business world and among the nation's leading cities as an international trade center. The Port of Houston is one of the most obvious examples of Houston's importance as an international city.

"It has been estimated that one out of every three jobs in the Houston area, 33.3 percent, are related to the port, and that's international activity," said Jack M. Rains, president of 3D International in a speech to the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

"The port has led the nation in total tonnage in the last few years," he continued. "It's second in the nation in dollar value. Even more important is that 50 percent of all the agricultural goods in the U.S. pass through the port of Houston."

The United States has become a trading nation, according to Rains — a fact that Congress has yet to realize, he said. The country's success as a trading nation is going to tell whether the American standard of living continues to grow and develop or

goes down, he predicted. "And unless we make some changes, it will go down," he added.

"But the United States has two great strengths that we can compete with internationally," he explained on a more positive note. "One is technology. The United States still has a great edge in technology. We have more educated people than anyone in the world. That's a great advantage. It's a great export."

"The second, and extremely important in any foreign trade strategy, is agricultural goods. With 50 percent of all agricultural goods passing through the Port of Houston, we (Houston) have a great opportunity to participate in this country's re-emergence as a strong trading nation."

Houston, Rains said, is sometimes referred to as a cosmopolitan magnet. One way to measure that is to see that it's been estimated that international visitors spent \$150 billion in Houston last year.

Another way is to look at the consulate corps in the city of Houston today. "Fifty of the leading nations of the world maintain consulates here," the executive pointed out. "There are 20 more nations that are negotiating now to claim representation here. We have the largest consulate corps in the south and southwest today."

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Keegan's goal puts Southampton on top

Struggling Notts take Ipswich by surprise

LONDON, Jan. 30 (R) — Kevin Keegan, expected to lead England in the World Cup finals in Spain, Saturday sent Southampton soaring to the top of the English Soccer League for the first time in their 97-year history.

Keegan's eighth-minute goal gave Southampton a 1-0 victory at Middlesbrough and catapulted them ahead of Manchester United and Ipswich, who were both beaten. United, the overnight leaders, lost 2-0 at Swansea but the day's major upset took place at Ipswich where struggling Notts County scored a 3-1 win over the league's most consistent side.

Fourth-placed Manchester City scored four goals in the first 36 minutes but beat Birmingham only 4-2 while European champions Liverpool reasserted its claim to the league title by burying champions Aston Villa 3-0.

Sixth is the highest Southampton have finished in the league, but Saturday's win will convince them they can improve on that this season. Keegan, the man England will be looking up to in Spain, was given his goal-scoring chance by Alan Ball, a hero of England's 1966 World Cup triumph.

Middlesbrough should have equalized when they were awarded a 64th-minute penalty but Scott Bobby Thomson sliced his kick 15-meter off target. Southampton now have 40 points from 22 games compared with Manchester United's 39 from 22 and Ipswich's 38 from 19.

United's defense, the meanest in the First Division having conceded only 16 league goals before Saturday, surprisingly caved in straight after the interval when Alan Curtis and Robbie James scored in the space of two minutes.

The collapse of the Ipswich defence was even less predictable. Gordon Mair shot Notts County into a first-half lead and although Frans Thijssen equalized for Ips-

wich, goals by Brian Kilcline and Paul Hooks sealed the visitors' victory. The result ended a nine-game winning streak by Ipswich.

England strikers Trevor Francis and Kevin Reeves each scored twice as Manchester City opened at a gallop against Birmingham. Frank Worthington pulled two back in the 39th and 41st minutes but then the goals dried up and the score remained unchanged. Liverpool's steady progress from the unaccustomed depths of the First Division — they were 18th at one stage — showed no sign of fading. Ian Rush and two-goal Terry McDermott were the scorers who sunk Aston Villa.

Everton and Tottenham, battling to keep in touch with the leaders, drew 1-1. Everton led from the 10th minute when Scottish striker Graeme Sharp rifled home a volley and it was not until the 77th minute that Tottenham equalized.

Arsenal continue to make heavy weather of scoring goals at home but the one Paul Hassen got was enough to give them a 1-0 win over Leeds. It was only the sixth goal Arsenal have scored in nine league games at their Highbury ground.

Middlesbrough's defeat by Southampton left them pinned to the foot of the First Division. Sunderland stayed one place above

them despite a 1-0 away over win Wolverhampton, who are also struggling to fend off relegation.

Luton stretched their lead at the top of the Second Division to six points by beating Leicester 2-1 while second-placed Oldham were held 1-1 at home by Bolton. Watford stayed in third place, beating Rotherham 2-1 after conceding an early goal.

Celtic surged four points clear in the Scottish Premier League with an emphatic 3-1 win at Aberdeen. For the second week running, Aberdeen made a flying start with a first-minute goal although this time they could not improve on the 9.6 seconds it took them to go ahead last Saturday. John Hewitt, the scorer of that lightning goal, laid on Saturday's opener for John Master.

Celtic came back into the match when Doug Rougrie brought down Frank McGarvey after 26 minutes and George McCluskey converted the penalty.

A long-range drive from Murdoch McLeod, deflected by Gordon Strachan, put Celtic into a 77th-minute lead. McGarvey, a Liverpool reject, added a third shortly afterwards.

Rangers lost ground in the championship race by drawing 1-1 with Hibernia. Derek Johnstone gave them a first-half lead but Bobby Flavell netted a fine equalizer 10 minutes into the second half.

First Division Hearts were in a generous mood. They allowed free admission to the unemployed and 1,100 fans took advantage. They also allowed the Motherwell attack far too much space and lost 3-0.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Scottish Football League clubs will consider a proposal for a midwinter shut-down at a meeting in Dunblane on Sunday. The suggestion tops a 14-point agenda drawn up by the Scottish League Management Committee for the 32 chairmen to consider.

English Soccer results

English Division One					
Arsenal	1	Leeds	0	Plymouth	1
Aston Villa	0	Liverpool	3	Portsmouth	0
Coventry	0	Brighton	1	Walsal	0
Everton	0	Tottenham	1		
Ipswich	1	Notts County	3		
Manchester City	4	Birmingham	2		
Middlesbrough	0	Southampton	1		
Nottingham Forest	0	Stoke	0		
Swansea	2	Manchester United	0		
West Ham	3	West Bromwich	1		
Wolverhampton	0	Sunderland	0		
Division Two					
Blackburn	1	Cambridge	0		
Blackburn	1	Cardiff	0		
Chelsea	3	Sheff Wed	1		
Crystal Palace	0	Q.P. Rangers	0		
Derby	3	Sheff Wed	1		
Grimsby	3	Charlton	1		
Luton	2	Leicester	1		
Newcastle	2	Norwich	1		
Oldham	1	Doncaster	1		
Rotherham	1	Watford	2		
Wrexham	0	Orient	1		
Division Three					
Bristol Rovers	1	Reading	1		
Carlisle	1	Lincoln	0		
Fulham	1	Cheshfield	0		
Gillingham	0	Freston	0		
Huddersfield	1	Sturley	2		
Millwall	2	Chester	1		
Newport	1	Chester	1		
Newport	1	Aristol City	1		
Division Four					
Blackpool	1	Barnsley	0		
Bournemouth	0	Doncaster	0		
Bradford City	0	Hereford	0		
Bury	3	Mansfield	2		
Hartlepool	3	York City	2		
Peterborough	2	Stockport	0		
Port Vale	1	Rochdale	0		
Sheff Wed	1	Hull City	0		
Tranmere	0	Scunthorpe	1		
Scottish Cup (3rd round)					
Alloa	2	Apr	1		
Brechin	2	Dundee United	4		
Clyde	2	Meadowbank	2		
12nd round					
Albion Rovers	2	Inverness Clack	1		
Cowdenbeath	1	Gala	0		
Premier Division					
Aberdeen	1	Celtic	3		
Dundee	0	St. Mirren	2		
Morton	0	Partick	0		
Rangers	1	Hibernian	1		
Division One					
Clydebank	2	East Stirling	1		
Falkirk	0	Queens Park	0		
Hamilton	0	St. Johnstone	0		
Hearts	0	Motherwell	3		
Kilmarnock	0	Dumfries	0		
Queen of South	2	Raith	3		

When East meets West in Sunday's showdown

It will be a dream combination v. top scorers

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Jan. 30 (AP) — The East team for the National Basketball Association All-Star game Sunday has a dream forward combination in Julius Erving and Larry Bird, but the West boasts most of the statistical leaders.

Six of the top seven scorers in the NBA are on the West squad, coached by Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers, and the West also has the top two rebounders.

The All-Star game, which annually showcases the league's stars for a national television audience, also will spotlight a brand new building, the Byrnie Meadows arena, which opened last fall.

Erving, the dunk specialist for the Philadelphia 76ers was the leading vote-getter in fan balloting this year with a record 432,230. He is the fifth-leading scorer in the league with a 24.9 per-game average. Bird, averaging 23 points and 11 rebounds this sea-

son, led the Boston Celtics to the World Championship last year and is acknowledged by many to be the best all-round player in the league.

Guard George Gervin of San Antonio and forward Adrian Dantley of Utah are the leading scorers in the NBA. They will start for the West, along with forward Lonnie Shelton and guard Luis Williams, both of Seattle, and center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles.

Abdul-Jabbar is No. 5 in the league in scoring and Williams is sixth. Moses Malone of Houston and Denver's Alex English, are substitutes for the West. Malone is the top rebounder in the NBA, followed by center Jack Sikma of Seattle, still another West sub.

Others chosen by West coaches as substitutes are swingman "magic" Johnson of Los Angeles, guards Dennis Johnson of Phoenix

and Norm Nixon of Los Angeles and forward Bernard King of Golden State.

Joining Bird and Erving in the starting lineup for the East, coached by Bill Fitch of Boston, are center Artis Gilmore of Chicago and guards Isiah Thomas of Detroit and Nate Archibald of Boston. Thomas is the only rookie starter in the game, although toward Buck Williams of the host New Jersey Nets was chosen as a substitute. Williams is the NBA's third-leading rebounder, followed by Bird.

Other East subs are centers Robert Parish of Boston and Milwaukee's Bob Lanier, forwards Bobby Jones of Philadelphia and Kelly Tripucka of Detroit and guards Sidney Moncrief of Milwaukee and Michael Ray Richardson of New York. The East leads the series 20-11, and now last year's game 123-120, with Archibald winning the most valuable players award.

As Windies bowlers strike hard

Chappell, Border rally battered Aussies

ADELAIDE, Jan. 30 (AP) — Australia is battered but unbowed after a middle order fightback on the first day of the third Test against the West Indies at Adelaide Oval.

Before a crowd of more than 30,000 people in fine weather, the Australians led by captain Greg Chappell fought back from the seemingly hopeless position of 17 for four wickets at one stage. At stumps Australia was 204 for six wickets but the fightback cost the home side dearly.

South Australia's David Hookes and Rick Darling have been recalled to the squad in case injuries to captain Greg Chappell and vice captain Kim Hughes prevent them fielding.

Clive Lloyd sent the Australians into bat after winning the toss. The decision paid early dividends and the Australians were reeling at eight for three wickets. Bruce Laird was the first to go trying to glance the ball of the bowling of Roberts, caught behind by Dujon for two.

Graeme Wood was next out trying to cut Roberts to point with the ball traveling to Garner in the slips for five runs. The attempted glance gained its next victims when John Dyson tried to turn Holding to fine leg and was caught behind by Dujon for one.

Coming in at No. 5 Chappell joined Hughes at the crease with the Australians eight for three wickets and for a short while the pair seemed to have the Windies measure. But in Holding's sixth over Hughes was hit on the instep of the right foot and fell to

the pitch in agony. Hughes was soon out, hatching at Holding.

Allan Border joined Chappell with the score at 17 for four wickets and the two proceeded to slowly restore some backbone to the Australian innings, despite a concerted effort by the West Indian pacemen to remove

Greg Chappell crosses 6,000

ADELAIDE, Jan. 30 (AP) — Australian captain Greg Chappell killed two birds with one stone, figuratively speaking, Saturday. His gritty 61 was a telling answer to his growing critics and also in the process crossed the 6,000 runs mark in Tests.

Coming in at a time with his side precariously placed, with a string of low scores behind him, Chappell hit a timely knock which was greeted, both by the capacity crowd and the Windies, with an extended period of applause.

He became the third Australian to pass the 6,000 mark after Sir Donald Bradman and Neil Harvey. His effort Saturday was all the more appreciated for he emerged a battered hero. With Clive Lloyd's pace battery going all out on a responsive Adelaide pitch, Chappell was one of the three batsmen to receive knocks on his body. He played with a bruised hand, clubbed by more than one fast ball.

As Gooch, Gower excel

England off to splendid start

KANPUR, India, Jan. 30 (AP) — The touring English cricketers were in a comfortable position at the close of the opening day's play Saturday in the sixth and final cricket Test against India at Kanpur's Green Park.

The visitors had scored 213 runs for the loss of three wickets, with David Gower and Ian Botham at the crease, when play was stopped about 15 minutes before the scheduled time due to poor light. English captain Keith Fletcher took the toss for the fifth consecutive Test in the current three-month tour and elected to bat on a good wicket that provided little assistance to bowlers despite an overcast sky.

Graham Gooch and Chris Tavare opened England's first innings on an aggressive note, punishing Indian medium pacers Kapil Dev and Madan Lal severely. Gooch dominated the morning session of play and delighted the 25,000 spectators with elegant shots on both sides of the wicket. The 82-run first-wicket stand ended when Tavare was clean bowled by left-arm spinner Dilip Doshi while attempting a big shot.

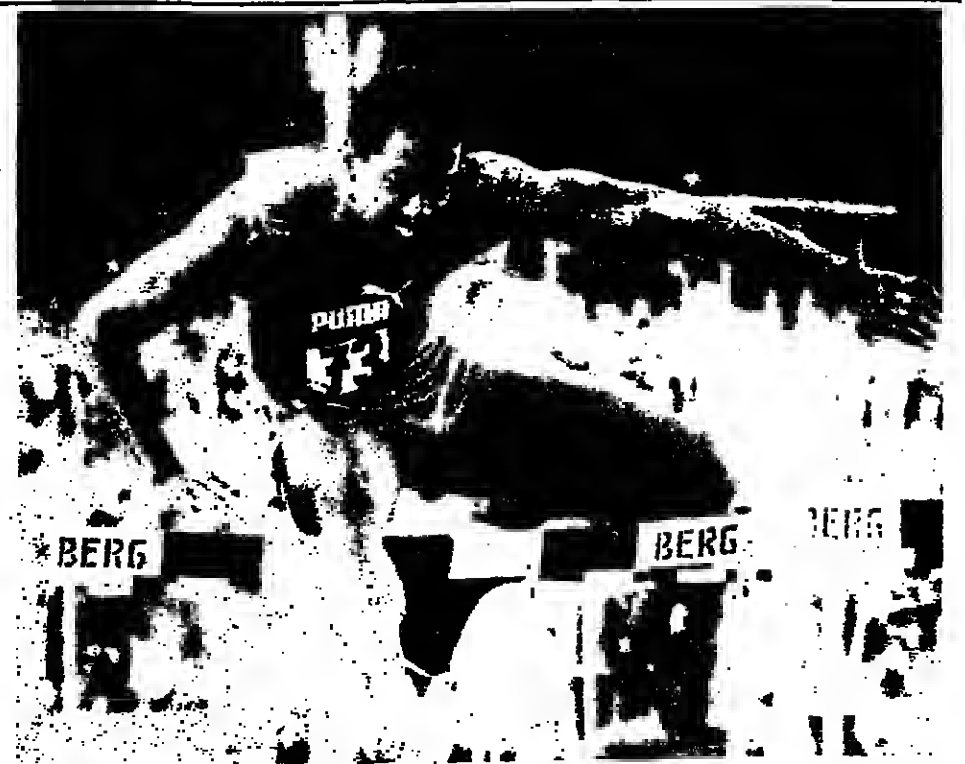
Seven runs later, Gooch tried to hit an iden-

tical shot and was bowled by Doshi's armer. The 28-year-old ex-ace opener's 58 runs came off only 67 balls and was studded with eight fours.

At lunch, the English cricketers were 94 for two. In the second session of play, tight bowling by Doshi and Dev dulled the run rate. Only 59 runs were scored in two hours. Fletcher square-cut Dev to the boundary and then in the next delivery was clean bowled by a short inswinger.

All rounder Ian Botham, who came at Fletcher's fall, lived dangerously, surviving an easy catch and a stumping chance. India nuffed another catch later, allowing England to jump back into a strong position. Botham played more confidently and permitted Gower to do most of the scoring. At stumps Gower was unbeaten with 75, while Botham was on 31.

Earlier Saturday, England made one change in the team that played the last Test at Madras with off-spinner John Embury taking the place of fast bowler Paul Allott. India retained the same 11 cricketers who played at Madras.



OVER THE STICKS: Renaldo Nehemiah, who towered his world best time for the indoor 50-yard hurdles to 5.92, glides over the hurdles. The American set the mark at Toronto Friday.

At Maple meet

Nehemiah, Olson dazzle

TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 30 (AP) — Renaldo Nehemiah continued his conquest of world hurdles standards, while Bill Olson emerged as a world class vaulter Friday night at the Toronto Star Maple Leaf Indoor Games.

Nehemiah shattered his own mark for the 50-yard despite an injured ankle and an unexpected challenge from compatriot Greg Foster. And Olson continued his domination of indoor vaulting by soaring 18 feet, 8 3/4 inches, surpassing the previous best of 18-8 1/2 established by Frenchman Thierry Vigneron in 1981.

Nehemiah's time of 5.92 seconds lowered his world best time of 5.98 set last year at this meet when he became the first hurdler to shatter the six-second barrier.

In a startling upset in the women's 50-yard dash, Evelyn Ashford of the Medalists Track Club in Los Angeles, finished third behind Jeanne Bolden of W.A.C. in Los Angeles and Angela Bailey of the University of Toronto. Bolden's time was 5.80 seconds to 5.85 for Bailey, Ashford, who has a world's best of 5.64 set earlier this month in Chicago, had a time of 5.86.

"I hurt my ankle in the superstars competition last weekend I wasn't able to train," said Nehemiah. 26, after streaking away from second-place Foster, running for Will's A.C.

Hooper going great guns

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — Top-seeded John McEnroe and second-seeded Jimmy Connors won semifinal places in the \$300,000 U.S. Indoor Tennis Championships. But Connors ran into unexpected resistance from Ecuador's Andres Gomez Friday night.

McEnroe won his ninth straight victory over Sandy Mayer with a 6-4, 6-4 verdict. Connors, seeking a record fifth title, beat Gomez, ranked 36th in the world, 7-5, 7-6 after having to overcome the Ecuadorian's set point advantages in both sets.

Third-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis, the Masters runner-up two weeks ago, beat Kevin Curren of South Africa 6-3, 6-2. And in a battle of powerful servers, Chip Hooper, who had upset Tanner in the previous round and ranked 236th in the world, notched 17 aces to beat John Sadri, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 in the other quarterfinal match.

Meanwhile, Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina and Australia's Peter McNamara advanced to the semifinals of the International Tennis Tournament at Delray Beach, Florida, Friday night.

Clerc went through without a ball being struck when his quarterfinal opponent Jose Higueras of Spain pulled out as a result of a muscle injury suffered in training on Thursday. McNamara beat Balazs Taroczy of Hungary 7-5, 6-4.

Miller spurts to 3-stroke lead

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 30 (AP) — Johnny Miller, noted as one of golf's great front-runners, fired a 5-under-par 67 and established a three-stroke command Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Wickes-Andy Williams-San Diego Open Golf Tournament.

The south course, at 7,002 yards the longer and tougher of the two layouts used for the first two rounds, also will be the site of the final two rounds.

Miller, winner of a \$500,000 prize in South Africa early this year, opened this event with a 65 on the 6,667-yard north course and reached the tournament's halfway point with a 132 total, 12 under par and a tournament record.

Fuzzy Zoeller, the former Masters champion who shared the first-round lead with Miller, Curtis Strange and Morris Hatafsky.

Salnikov claims pet event easily

AMERSFOORT, Netherlands, Jan. 30 (R) — Soviet swimmers won both men's events and honors for the women were shared between the Netherlands and the United States on the opening night of a 19-nation swimming meet here Friday.

World record-holder Vladimir Salnikov won the men's 1500 meters freestyle by almost half a pool's length in 15 minutes 31.13 seconds, but was nearly three seconds slower than his winning time here last year.

In the 200 meters individual medley, Alexander Sidorenko touched home in two

minutes 06.14 seconds ahead of American Kyle Miller, who clocked 2:06.84.

Dutch swimmer Annelies Mass easily won the women's 800 meters freestyle in eight minutes 47.71 seconds. Her teammate Jolanda Van Der Meer finished second in 8:52.40, ahead of Soviet and American challengers.

In the women's 200 meters medley, Patty Gavin of the United States clocked two minutes 18.97 to beat the new East German hope, Jacqueline Alex, who had a time of 2:19.72.

Don Paige of Villanova, who runs for the Athletic Club, which includes world class track and field stars from across the U.S., won the men's invitational 1,000 meters in a Canadian Open record time of 2:22.41. Paige eclipsed the former standard of 2:22.59 set by Kenyan Mike Bolt here last year.

In the semifinals McNamara meets Clerc and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl meets American Eliot Teltscher.

In Chicago, sixth-seeded Wendy Turnbull, hitting winners from the baseline as well as the net, upset No. 3 Pam Shriver 6-2, 6-4, and fourth-seeded Sylvia Hanika trumped Czechoslovakian Helena Sukova 6-4, 6-4 in quarterfinal action Friday at the \$150,000 Avon Championships.

Turnbull broke in the fifth game of the opening set and held her next service to go up 4-2. She came up with a brilliant top spin lob to break Shriver again in the seventh game and served out for the set at 6-2. In the second set, Turnbull got a break in the third game when Shriver double faulted on game point. Shriver, who is ranked sixth in the world, then broke back in the fourth game, but the Australian broke again in the seventh for a 4-3 lead and the two exchanged services to the final result.

In the Hanika-Sukova match, neither player served well and there were five service breaks before the young, unseeded Czech double-faulted at set point. Sukova earned a break in the third game of the second set but gave it back in the fourth and the two exchanged services to 4-4. Hanika then held service, winning the game with a backhand overhead smash and then broke her opponent after six deuce points.

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Duran's key bout against Benitez

LAS VEGAS, Jan. 30 (AP) — Roberto Duran will challenge Wilfred Benitez Saturday night in what could be the last fight of Duran's career and will be Benitez's last fight as the World Boxing Council's super welterweight champion.

Benitez was a 9-5 favorite to prevent Duran becoming a champion again and possibly gaining a third title with Sugar Ray Leonard. Duran thrives at questions about Leonard, who beat Duran when he quit in the eighth round Nov. 25, 1980 at New Orleans.

But at a news conference in New York last December to formally announce the Duran-Benitez fight, Duran said: "I am looking forward to Leonard, and if I lose (to Benitez), it's all over."

Now the 30-year-old former lightweight and WBC welterweight champion from Panama says he won't discuss future plans "until I become champion."

"This is going to be my last fight in this weight," says the 23-year-old Benitez, who plans to campaign as a middleweight in a bid to become the first man ever to win championships in four weight divisions. "I have been having trouble making the weight," said Benitez.



Graham Gooch... breezy 58

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G. Gooch b Doshi	58
C. Tavare b Doshi	24
K. Fletcher b Dev	14
D. Gower batting	75
I. Botham batting	31
Extras:	11
Total (for 3 wickets)	213
Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-89, 3-121.	
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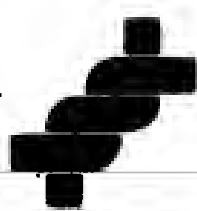
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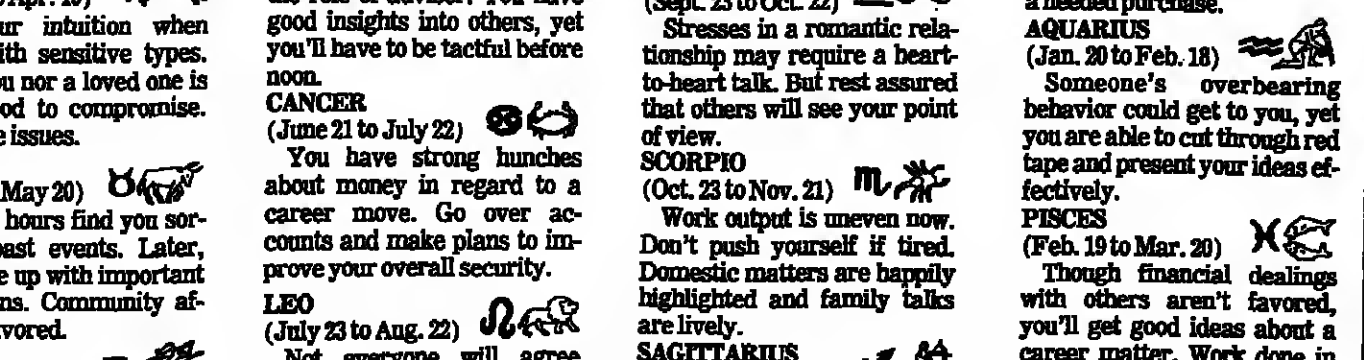
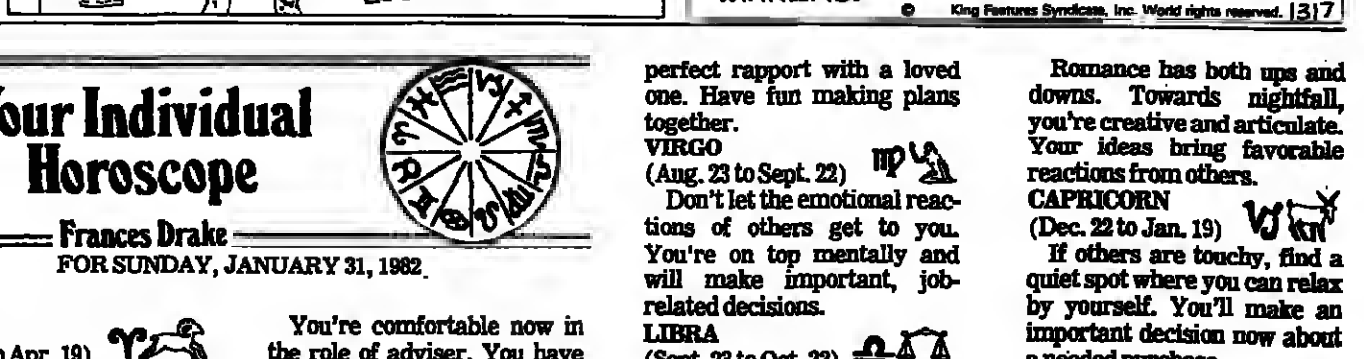
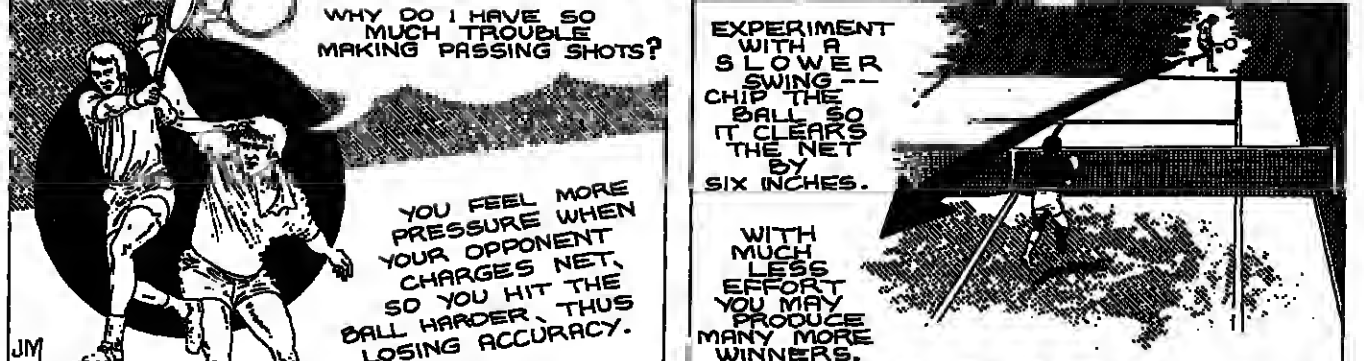
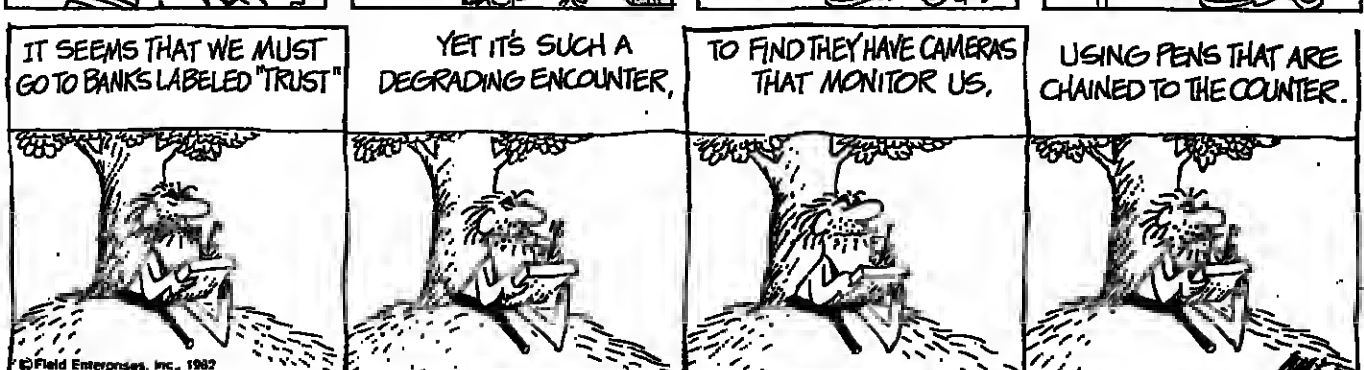
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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
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4♥			

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

Assume you're in four hearts and West leads a trump. You win with the nine and note that the outcome seems to depend entirely on who has the ace of clubs. If East has it, you have ten tricks; if West has it, you have only nine tricks.

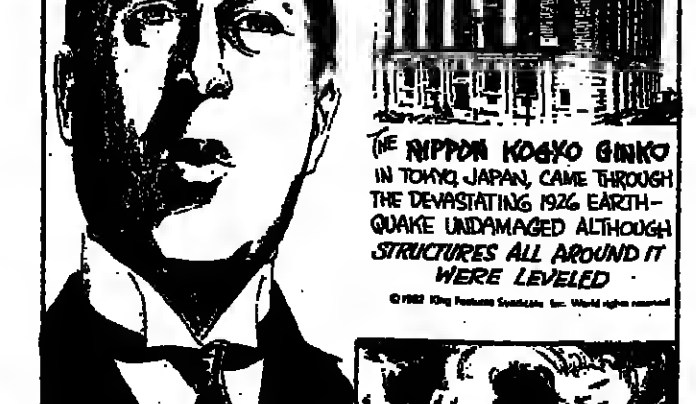
However, you should not let the contract hinge solely on the position of the ace of clubs.

You cash the A-K of spades and ruff the nine, after which you exit with the queen of diamonds. West takes the ace but must hand you a tenth trick, whether he returns a spade, a diamond or a club.

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Morning hours find you sorting out past events. Later, you'll come up with important career plans. Community affairs are favored.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊

You're comfortable now in the role of adviser. You have good insights into others, yet you'll have to be tactful before noon.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
You have strong hunches about money in regard to a career move. Go over accounts and make plans to improve your overall security.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Not everyone will agree with you now, but you'll have

perfect rapport with a loved one. Have fun making plans together.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Don't let the emotional reactions of others get to you. You're on top mentally and will make important, job-related decisions.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Stresses in a romantic relationship may require a heart-to-heart talk. But rest assured that others will see your point of view.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Work output is uneven now. Don't push yourself if tired. Domestic matters are happily highlighted and family talks are lively.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

Romance has both ups and downs. Towards nightfall, you're creative and articulate. Your ideas bring favorable reactions from others.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
If others are touchy, find a quiet spot where you can relax by yourself. You'll make an important decision now about a needed purchase.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Someone's overbearing behavior could get to you, yet you are able to cut through red tape and present your ideas effectively.
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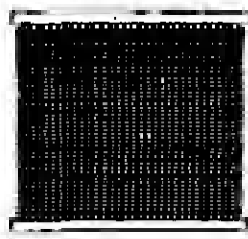
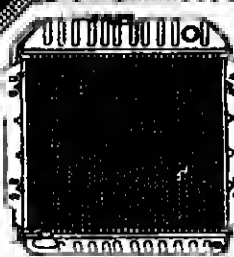


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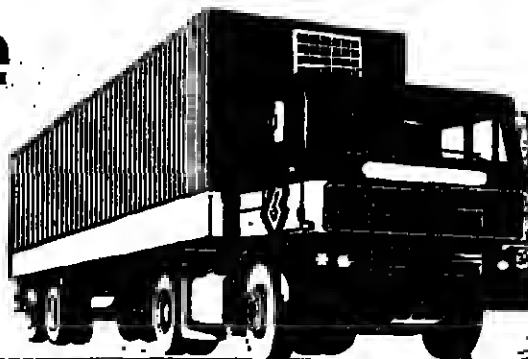
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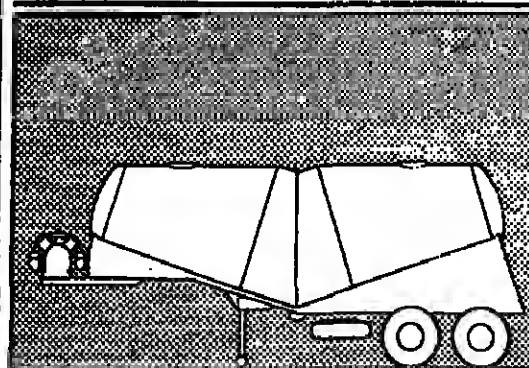
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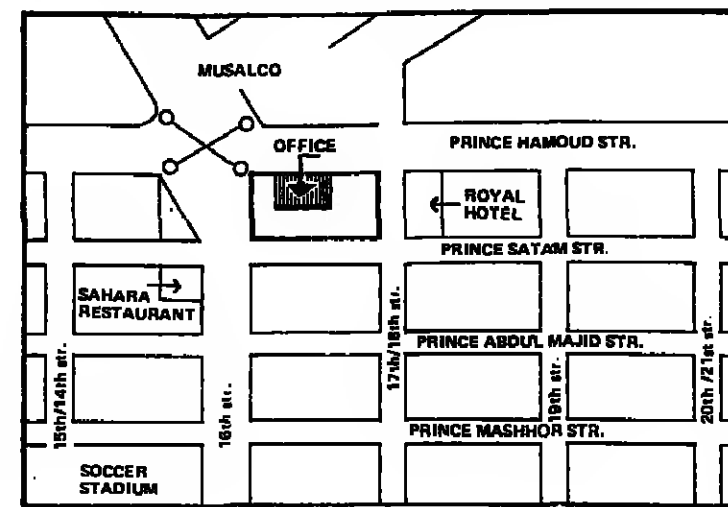
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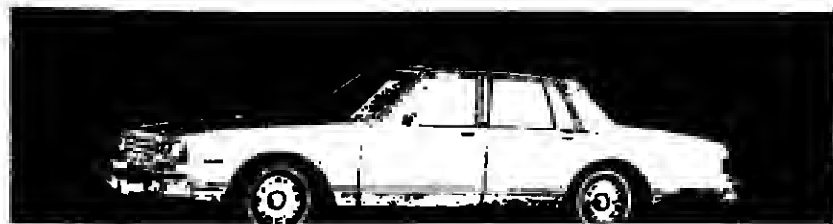
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International

Price hikes resented

Walesa offers talks with military rulers

WARSAW, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has offered to open preliminary talks with Poland's martial law government, but the talks apparently have been delayed, informed union sources said Saturday.

The sources also said that authorities may close some factories in Gdansk for two weeks to let price hikes ranging up to 400 percent "sink in" after they go into effect Monday. They said the union "will stage protest actions against the price hikes as much as possible," but added such protests should not result in destruction of the union.

The sources said Walesa had accused the regime of "dishonesty and warned that peo-

ple should not trust the government."

A Ham radio operator in Britain said a broadcast he received from Poland Friday night claimed Walesa was seriously ill in a Warsaw jail, and that Solidarity was arming itself to fight the regime.

Walesa has advised his colleagues still at liberty to protest as far as possible against steep price increases for food and utilities being introduced in Poland Monday, underground Solidarity sources said Saturday.

But he said they should take care that protests do not result in total destruction of the union, which formerly had some 10 million members. The union was suspended when military authorities imposed martial law on Poland last Dec. 13.

The sources said Walesa warned Solidarity activists to avoid getting involved in political issues and to concentrate on union matters. Walesa has been detained since the Solidarity leadership was rounded up in a security swoop following declaration of martial law. His exact whereabouts have not been disclosed but a government spokesman said he was being held near Warsaw.

The sources said there was an agreement that Walesa, accompanied by five advisers, should begin preliminary talks with government representatives last week, but these had not yet taken place by last Wednesday. Since being detained, the Solidarity leader has had separate meetings with Roman Catholic church representatives and government officials, according to church and government sources.

But informed sources said he had refused to discuss the future of Solidarity unless advisers and other members of the Solidarity national leadership were present. Solidarity sources said Saturday that the government had refused to allow two interned advisers, Bronislaw Geremek, a university professor, and Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a prominent Catholic journalist, to be present at talks with the government.

But the government had subsequently approved participation in the proposed conversations by five leading Solidarity advisers still at liberty. The sources said that only last Tuesday Walesa was shown a certificate of his internment dated last Dec. 12. Until then, the sources said, the authorities had maintained that the union chief was not detained.

The sources quoted Walesa as saying the government planned to extend control by itself and the Communist Party over future activities of Solidarity. In order to achieve this aim, the government intended to organize elections to the union leadership by rank-and-file members, Walesa was reported by the sources to have said.

He advised union members taking part in such elections to vote for Solidarity activists still detained under martial law, the sources said.

Poles flay U.S. show

WARSAW, Jan. 30 (R) — Polish newspapers Saturday condemned Sunday's American television show about the crisis in Poland, sponsored by the U.S. government and to be broadcast to 50 nations, as a Hollywood extravaganza the official news agency PAP said.

The Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu* described the show as a "smoke-screen for the hegemonic objectives of U.S. global policy and unceremonious interference in the internal affairs of other states," PAP said. *Trybuna Ludu* said the United States had assured states such as Poland of its friendly feelings, but resorted to sanctions which struck a blow at the living standards of every Polish family. "No Hollywood-style political spectacular, even the most nambly-pamby one, will sugarcoat this truth," it said.

The army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* suggested that the 90-minute television show was intended as a distraction from the troubles of the American economy, plagued by mass unemployment and a soaring budget deficit.

"Under the circumstances, President Reagan resorted to entertain himself and make some green hucks on the occasion," it added. "For this purpose, he committed himself to staging a show on Poland, which is strictly linked to the showbiz branch that the president is said to know plenty of."

The army paper added that official and press reaction suggested the show would make a large loss. The \$500,000 television show, which will follow a day of Solidarity with Poland in America and other countries Saturday, features a mixture of Western politicians, pop music and Hollywood entertainers including Frank Sinatra and Bob Hope.

Schmidt to continue in office

HANOVER, Germany, Jan. 30 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt who Friday threatened to resign over his government's lack of a concrete unemployment policy, said here Saturday that he would "not abandon ship" before his mandate expires in 1984.

However, at a convention of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) for Lower Saxony here, Chancellor Schmidt issued a warning to "all those who would attempt to hamper the work of the government." The coalition in

Bonn of Social Democrats and Liberals has recently disagreed on how to finance an economic revival program launched by Schmidt.

He was scheduled to meet West German Foreign Minister and Liberal leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher here Saturday to discuss the disagreement between the SPD and Genscher's Free Democrats (FDP). The foreign minister is in Hanover to attend an FDP conference on Poland.

From page one

China

and only hospitals in Melbourne and Munich have done more.

Another technique for which Dr. Chen is famous involves patients with cancer in their upper arms. In cases where the malignancy is not too advanced, he removes the entire section of the arm containing the tumor, and then rejoins the limb.

The result is that the patient has one arm shorter than the other, but still has two functioning arms.

Dr. Chen concedes that some patients, especially young people, suffer psychological problems as a result of undergoing treatment that leaves them looking in some way odd. But the disadvantages are outweighed if the patient can resume some sort of useful work, he says.

The emphasis in Chinese medicine is on practical and economic results, which may explain why heart transplants have apparently not found favor despite the proven virtuosity of Chinese surgeons, Western experts believe.

Nobody questions the devotion of Chinese surgeons to saving life, but in view of the expense of heart transplants and the low survival rate, in the Chinese context such operations are simply not cost-effective.

Dr. Chen disclosed that three or four heart transplants had been tried in China, but they had been "quite expensive" and the patients had not survived more than a few months.

He also explained why stitching back limbs and toe-to-hand transfers were performed more in China than elsewhere.

Cost was one reason. He estimated that a

transplant of a toe to a hand cost \$3,000 in the United States, but only a fraction of that amount here.

Surgeons in China get tiny salaries compared with their Western counterparts. Despite his international renown, Dr. Chen earns just 140 yuan (\$80) per month.

Dr. Chen also said that surgeons in the West bore a heavier mental burden than in China because of the legal problems they might face if operations like limb replants went wrong.

In China, no such problems existed. Patients were happy to get what medical attention they could and "they forgive us if we do something not so good," he said.

GCC

an uninterrupted flow of oil to world markets. "They will also discuss petrochemicals in terms of cooperation in industry. That will be a major, salient point," he said. The GCC finance and economy ministers who met here last week decided to establish a common market in the two years and to set up a joint world-wide investment fund to be capitalized at SR3 billion.

Speaking to *Arab News* at the end of the conference the Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khan said the elimination of tariffs, customs duties and the creation of inter-GCC trade facilities will turn the region into a prosperous common market.

The GCC was established last year to bring the member states closer to each other in many areas with uniform laws and regulations.



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After month-long hunger strike

U.S. officials escort Soviet to hospital

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — U.S. Embassy officials, fearing a Soviet woman hunger striker might die at the embassy after more than a month of fasting, sent her to a Moscow hospital Saturday for treatment. The hunger striker, Lydia Vashchenko, 31, was pale and drawn before she entered the hospital, but later a nurse treating her in the intensive care ward said by telephone that she had taken broth and tea.

Warren Zimmermann, the top American diplomat in Moscow, said the United States had sought permission to evacuate Miss Vashchenko to a Western country for treatment but the Soviet Foreign Ministry refused. Miss Vashchenko, who used the fast to call attention to her plea for a visa to leave the Soviet Union, had vowed earlier Saturday to continue the protest even if turned over to Soviet authorities.

"Thank you for your support," she told a gathering of reporters and friends in the embassy courtyard before getting into the embassy van with diplomatic license plates. After a brief drive, Miss Vashchenko walked into Botkin Hospital accompanied by consular officer Curt Strubel and the embassy physician, Dr. John Schadler. The facility provides medical care for diplomats, foreigners and Soviet citizens.

She carried a letter from Schadler saying he found no evidence of psychosis. He evidently was trying to prevent Soviet authorities from labeling Miss Vashchenko insane and placing her in a psychiatric clinic, as sometimes happens to dissidents.

"In order to avoid a life-threatening situation from developing and in view of the limited medical facilities available to the embassy, a determination was made that Lydia Vashchenko had to be transferred to better equipped medical facilities," Zimmermann told a news conference. He is standing in for Ambassador Arthur Hartmann who is out of the country.

Zimmermann said the Soviets had been told U.S. officials "trusted" that she would be allowed to return to the embassy once her condition stabilized, but were given no assurances.

"She was warned 48 hours ago that she faced being turned over to the Soviets for medical treatment and reminded again 24 hours ago," a U.S. source said. Half a dozen American correspondents tried to enter the hospital admitting room but were shoved back at the front door by a large Russian dressed in white.

Miss Vashchenko, her pale and drawn, had earlier told reporters she did not want to leave the embassy, where she and six other Pen-

tecostalists sought refuge 3 1/2 years ago while appealing for permission to leave the Soviet Union on religious grounds.

She said she was determined to continue the fast despite the threat of transfer. An embassy spokesman said Friday that she would be handed over to the Soviets for treatment if a "life-threatening situation" developed. There was no indication what would happen to Miss Vashchenko's bid for asylum once she was turned over to Soviet authorities.

Miss Vashchenko and her mother, Augustina, 52, began a hunger strike during the Christmas holidays to protest what they claim is a lack of embassy interest in pressing their emigration case with Soviet officials. Soviet authorities have told the Pentecostals to return to their homes in Chermogorsk, Siberia, and reapply for visas. The Vashchenkos claim their visa requests have been repeatedly rejected since the early 1960s.

President Ronald Reagan sent a letter to the two hunger strikers Wednesday urging them to call off their protest. Miss Vashchenko said she could not accept his request. "He did not say how he was going to help us," she said. She added, however, that she was grateful to the embassy for its hospitality and to people in the West who had voiced support for the seven Pentecostals.

Friendship treaty offered

Shahi, Rao commence talks on no-war pact

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (AFP) — The foreign ministers of Pakistan and India, who met here Saturday for their first round of talks, tried to clear up "misgivings and suspicions" the two sides have on a proposed non-aggression pact between the two countries.

Spokesmen for both sides said Agha Shahi of Pakistan and India's Narasimha Rao also emphasized the "sincerity and seriousness" with which they were discussing the proposal which was first mooted by Pakistan last September. The two ministers will resume their discussions Sunday for their second and final round.

Officials of the two delegations later met to continue discussions on other matters of bilateral interest, including trade, tourism, transit and cultural exchange. An Indian spokesman said that at the 100-minute meeting Saturday morning, the two ministers also reviewed important international developments and the situation in the region since they last met.

They agreed that the deterioration in the

international security environment called for efforts by both countries to achieve a better understanding between them, he added.

Shahi explained the points raised by Pakistan in the proposal for a non-aggression pact and stressed the desire of his country to normalize relations with India.

Rao noted that India would be as happy as Pakistan if the two sides were able to arrive at a satisfactory formulation for a non-aggression pact, the Indian spokesman added. Indian officials said they considered the present deliberations another phase of an on-going dialogue aimed at creating an atmosphere of "trust and goodwill" between the two countries.

The Pakistani spokesman, replying to questions from the press, tried to minimize the significance of the presence of two top army officers in Shahi's delegation. The Indian press has been speculating that the inclusion of the army officers, Lieut. Gen. Yaqub-Khan and Lieut. Gen. K.M. Arif, indicated that Shahi was not likely to remain

as foreign minister of Pakistan for long.

The Pakistani spokesman said Gen. Yaqub-Khan was ambassador to France and a top diplomat of his country while Gen. Arif was in the delegation in his capacity as chief of staff of President Zia-ul-Haq. The Indian spokesman would not elaborate when asked if the Kashmir dispute, one of the most difficult issues dividing the two countries, was raised at Saturday's meeting.

In a related development, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Saturday offered to sign a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Pakistan similar to the one India signed with the Soviet Union in 1971. Speaking to a group of Pakistani journalists accompanying Shahi, she explained that the Indo-Soviet treaty was "nothing more than just a friendship treaty" and one should not read any more into it. She then said, "We will be happy to have a friendship treaty with Pakistan if they are willing to have it."

Shahi, who arrived here Friday, will wind up his visit Monday after addressing a joint press conference with Rao.

Two Frenchmen held for smuggling cash

LYONS, Jan. 30 (AFP) — Two Frenchmen, acting for various "clients", have been charged with illegally taking about five million francs (\$1 million) to Switzerland over the past three years, French customs have disclosed.

Louis Forey, 75 and Joseph Ollier, both of Lyons, were arrested Dec. 3. At Forey's home, tax inspectors found 600,000 francs (about \$120,000) in cash, a large amount of gold and documents relating to more wealth outside France. Ollier said he had frequently crossed into Switzerland at Forey's behest.

The two men refused to say for whom they had been acting. The seven-month old Socialist government in France has cracked down on the practice of smuggling wealth outside the country particularly in the light of upcoming nationalization of banks and major industries.

Dozier returns to NATO army base

ROME, Jan. 30 (Agencies) — Italian police following up the freeing of U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier Saturday arrested 12 suspected guerrillas and seized documents and explosives.

The authorities continued debriefing the general after he had paid a short visit to his home in Verona Saturday morning. It was the first time he had been there since a Red Brigades commando kidnapped him on Dec. 17. "I am very happy here, I love my home and I love Verona and I'm happy to stay here," he said as he stood with Mrs. Dozier at the door of their riverside apartment block.

NATO officials said the general then returned to the Vicenza army base where he is staying in heavily guarded rest quarters for further intensive sessions with investigators. He has been giving them all the details he can about his 42-day captivity that ended when police smashed into the "people's prison" in Padua Thursday.

Police said raids on guerrilla hideouts yielded 12 more arrests Saturday. They added that nearly a dozen guerrilla refugees have been broken into in the last two days, the latest in the northern city of Brescia.

Police said Friday they had arrested 23 suspected guerrillas and seized documents about plans to attack NATO personnel, magistrates, police and journalists. They said Saturday three guerrilla bases were discovered in Brescia and the 12 arrested there were charged with participating in an armed band, subversive association and illegal possession of arms and explosives.

They included university students, workers and a postman, all of whom were believed to belong to a cell of the "front line" group responsible for a series of shootings and bombings in the region stretching back to 1978, the police said.

In Padua, police experts were conducting forensic tests on weapons found in the "people's prison" to establish whether any had been used in previous brigades attacks. Police chief Gianfranco Carras said: "we've got so much documentation that it's going to take days to work through it all."

Informed sources also said police from Aosta (northwest Italy) had freed a Milan businessman Giuseppe Masini, kidnapped Dec. 18, and had arrested two persons holding him at the Alpine ski resort of Cervinia. Masini, 71, is the managing director of Marine Motors Italia which markets U.S. Mercury cars. His kidnappers were named as Giovanni Marelli, 31 and Renzo Trivellato. Elsewhere in Italy, two hostages were released after payment of ransoms: In Sardinia near the town of Nuoro, kidnappers released 33-year-old Gianni Ticea, who became a hostage 10 days ago to replace his uncle Antonio Sacchi, kidnapped Aug. 10 last. The kidnappers agreed to the exchange to enable Sacchi to raise the remaining 500 million liras (\$500,000) of his ransom.

In Milan, Franco Monzino, 20, whose grandfather is director of the Standa Supermarket chain, was freed Friday after a ransom estimated at 3,000 million liras (about \$3,000,000) was paid to his captors.

German protest runway project

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30 (AFP) — More than 5,000 persons demonstrated near the international airport here Saturday to protest construction of a new runway, despite a ban on the rally pronounced Friday night.

No incidents were reported around the 250-hectare area that is to be cleared for the runway. A large police contingent passed out leaflets informing ecologists of the ban on the demonstration within one km of the property to be cleared.

Several demonstrations have been held over the runway construction, which ecologists oppose because it would destroy part of a forest surrounding the airport. In November, several demonstrations led to clashes between police and ecologists, causing a number of injuries. The extension project was suspended temporarily last month, while the regional government studied a request by an ecologists' group for a referendum on the matter.

The high court in Hesse, the state where the airport is located, turned down that request a week ago. The decision led the ecologists to warn of a new series of reprisal measures.

British film actor dies

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP) — Actor Stanley Holloway, one of Britain's best-loved actors famous for his role in *My Fair Lady*, died Saturday, it was reported.

The agent, Lillian Aza, said Holloway died at a nursing home in Littlehampton, not far from his rural home in England's south coast county of Sussex. The cause of death was not disclosed. Mrs. Aza said Holloway had been at the nursing home for 10 days.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min.	Max.		Min.	Max.
Amsterdam	3	37	7	45	rain
Athens	7	45	13	35	rain
Bahrain	17	63	21	70	cloudy
Bangkok	22	72	31	88	clear
Beirut	8	46	16	61	clear
Berlin	3	37	6	43	rain
Brussels	6	43	9	48	cloudy
Buenos Aires	23	73	33	91	cloudy
Caracas	10	50	20	68	clear
Chicago	16	61	27	81	cloudy
Copenhagen	-17	1	1	34	rain
Dublin	4	39	10	50	cloudy
Frankfurt	3	37	4	39	rain
Geneva	1	35	3	37	clear
Hong Kong	14	57	18	64	clear
Jakarta	22	73	30	86	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	33	91	clear
London	10	50	13	53	cloudy
Los Angeles	12	54	20	68	clear
Madrid	-3	27	13	53	clear
Manila	18	64	30	86	clear
Mexico City	7	45	23	73	clear
Miami	20	68	22	72	cloudy
Montreal	-9	16	-8	18	clear
Moscow	-14	7	-9	16	cloudy
New Delhi	7	45	18	65	cloudy
New York	0	32	5	41	clear
Nicosia	6	43	18	64	cloudy
Oulu	-8	18	-3	27	cloudy
Paris	10	50	11	52	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	19	66	30	86	cloudy
Rome	2	36	12	54	clear
San Francisco	8	46	17	63	clear
Seoul	-14	7	-5	23	clear
Stockholm	24	75	32	90	clear
Sydney	-2	28	0	32	snow
Taipei	9	48	16	61	clear
Tokyo	-1	30	6	43	clear
Toronto	-8	18	-2	28	clear
Vancouver	4	39	8	46	rain
Vienna	2	36	3	37	rain